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## ONE VOUCHER

Sir: After reading "Bataan Death March," by Francis Eldon Bell in the August issue, I can vouch for its authenticity and lack of exaggeration. I know, for I was there too.

Donald N. Coombs Stonington, Maine

#### NOTE OF THANKS

Sir: I wish to congratulate The American Legion for providing the youth of America a chance to learn to love their country. Until 1 participated in your Boys Nation I had a great liking for America and respect for our Founding Fathers. Now I have seen and felt our American heritage, and a new feeling of love and admiration for the United States has arisen inside me. My wishes for this program are all good, and could be lumped into this one thought: If every young American were given the chance to witness and feel the things about this country that I have been able to do, our country would gain an internal strength and unity never before possible. Since this is impossible, I shall do my best to spread my own new-found love of country, God willing, to every soul who will pause to hear me. I thank you for giving me this opportunity of a life-

> John Bushnell McAlester, Okla.

### SIZZLING SCOTT

Sir: I agree with Scott that there are many fine chefs, but I have traveled in Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, and all the States and have eaten many superb meals often prepared by women cooks. Don't sell us short.

Mrs. Keith McCann Taylorville, Ill.

Sir: Yes, men are better cooks because that is all they do. Women cook, clean, wash, and take care of children, telephones, doorbells, and husbands. Who can walk a steak with a baby on one arm and a three-year-old wanting to help? Who can cook a sauce for exactly two minutes when that is just when the phone rings? I would love to try the delightful recipes he gives if I had a housekeeper, a child-watcher, a doorbell-answerer, etc.

> Peggy Mayberry King of Prussia, Pa.

Sir: I don't remember ever being so mad. I had a coffee party last week and read Jack Denton Scott's article to about 20 ladies and you should have heard the fur fly. I'd like to have Scott match me making homemade bread or homemade pie or homemade cake or cookies. I never use a mix in my home, as he says all women do. Maybe some women just know how to open cans and stir up mixes, but to say all women are like that burns me up.

Mrs. Howard E. Martin Owatonna, Minn.

Sir: I was appalled at Jack Denton Scott's "A Man's Place Is In the Kitchen," in the August issue. While I recognize that the greatest cooks have been males, the discrediting remarks of Scott regarding female cooking were unjustified. Chefs may cook much better than I and my contemporaries who use prepared mixes and short cuts, but chefs are not wives, mothers, or businessmen who do not have all day to Ioll about the kitchen. Or more important, we do not have the money that chefs can spend.

Ruth Tews Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Sir: I have never tasted or cooked any of the delicacies that Mr. Scott mentions, since I do not belong to "the 400," only to the millions of middleclass working people. I am considered a good cook, as many housewives are. I cook as my mother and my grandmother taught me - food cooked in the old-fashioned way. Anyway, men sure make a mess out of a kitchen. I speak from experience.

Mrs. Sidney Jones Coshocton, Obio

Sir: I'm afraid your article, in spite of the truth of it, is a little rough on the charming opposite sex. Generally, a gourmet is a man who is not only fond of good food, but who is also a tolerant man, and most of the time a man who admires the ladies.

Henri Ducluzeau Member of the French Culinary Academy, French Culinary Society of Paris, Chevalier des Tastevins. Collingswood, N.J.

#### MORE DOCTORS NEEDED

Sir: Can't something be done about the shortage of doctors in this country? We need at least four times as many as we now have. Doctors need competition like everybody else. The condition is horrible in this country. Since the doctors will not stand for socialized medicine, why can't Congress appropriate funds to turn out (Continued on page 54)





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## PUBLIC SERVICE?

WE HAVE BEEN informed by Assemblyman Bruce V. Reagan, of Pasadena, Calif., of a program inaugurated by the Ford Foundation in 1957. The Foundation, it seems, is participating in that State's government by assigning bright young men as "interns" to serve as confidential aides to members of the Legislature. The Ford Foundation's appointees receive \$400 a month, with half their salary paid by the foundation.

We don't think this sort of an arrangement is a bargain for the people of California or any other State. No private organization should be allowed to put people of its choosing in such strategic positions of government. If the Ford Foundation can do this, why not the National Association of Manufacturers, the AFL-ClO, the NAACP, the White Citizens Councils, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Americans for Democratic Action, The American Legion, or any other outfit willing and able to subsidize people who will be in a powerful position to influence lawmakers?

## A CENTURY-OLD TRUTH

A HUNDRED YEARS ago, in the year 1859, John Stuart Mill wrote his classic essay "On Liberty." The following is from the final chapter of that work:

"The third and most cogent reason for restricting the interference of government, is the great evil of adding unnecessarily to its power. Every function super added to those already exercised by the government, causes its influences over hopes and fears to be more widely diffused and converts more and more the active and ambitious part of the public into hangers-on of the government, or of some party which aims at being the government. If the roads, the railways, the banks, the insurance offices, the great joint-stock companies, the universities and the public charities were all of them branches of the government; if in addition the municipal corporations and local boards, with all that now devolves on them, became departments of the central administration; if the employes of all these different enterprises were appointed and paid by the government, and looked to the government for every rise in life; not all the freedom of the press and popular constitution of the legislature would make this or any other country free otherwise than in name."

### SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

NOT LONG AGO the Hon. Styles Bridges made a somewhat similar point in the Senate. Said the gentleman

from New Hampshire:

"The basic problem before us here in the United States—as around the world—is the false fancy that government can give its individual citizens vast benefits at little or no cost. This is a something-fornothing theory. It takes the form of demands that every legislator bring home more than his State sent to Washington in the form of taxes. There is a growing awareness among the public, I believe, that this something-for-nothing theory is a hollow one. . . . Something for nothing is neither good mathematics nor good morals. I believe the time is fast approaching when it is not good politics either.

'Apparently, we shall soon be asked to vote for Federal aid to education, because, the argument runs, 'poor' people cannot stand the cost of good schools, and must have help from urban areas such as Detroit, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles, But we have just finished passing bills for Federal aid for airports, urban renewal, and depressed areas to help such cities as, apparently, the same Detroit, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles, and others which are too 'poor' to pay this cost, which will now be paid by the suddenly better-off farmers and small town citizens from the rural areas. When the process is complete, and everyone gets through paying for what the Government has done for everyone else, we will face a rising tax burden or a widening deficit, or both. In other words, it is quite clear that we very quickly exhaust the possibilities of robbing Peter to pay Paul, and end up robbing Paul to pay Paul."

## TWO GREAT AMERICANS

THE RECENT death of Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey saddened thousands of men who served under him, and his passing brought to mind many of the stories told about this intrepid commander. Our favorite, and one which we do not think has been published heretofore, concerns General MacArthur.

Early in 1942, when the tide of war was running strongly against us, the admiral met the general for the first time. The meeting left Admiral Halsey unfavorably impressed, and he expressed a most unflattering opinion of General MacArthur to a group of officer friends. Halsey's expression was immediately circulated throughout the Pacific.

But the two men had to work together, and their meetings continued. Ten days after the first meeting Admiral Halsey called a meeting of his staff and told them:

"Well, I guess I've put my foot in my mouth once again. Ten days ago, you will recall, I made some remarks about General MacArthur. Since then I have learned a great deal about the general, and now I want to apologize for the things I said about him. In my opinion, General MacArthur is not only the greatest military strategist of the present time, but he may well be the greatest of all time."

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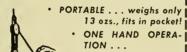
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How much legal protection is there for ideas in this age of ideas? Plenty. Moreover, the body of law keeps growing all the time. In general, this is what today's umbrella covers:

- Machines, articles, improvements, processes, and designs: These may be patented if they qualify as (1) new, and (2) useful. The Commissioner of Patents' fee is \$30 for filing and \$30 when final approval is granted. A patent is good for 17 years. But note this: Only about half the patent applications ever get an OK, and the process tends to be slow, taking as much as three years. The aid of a good attorney is advisable, even if it brings the total cost to several hundred dollars.
- Books, periodicals, lectures, photographs, maps, works of art, scripts, and similar artistic-literary output may be copyrighted to give the author control over reproduction and use. Registration is handled by the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C. The basic fee is \$4, and the copyright runs 28 years with the right to renew for another 28. Copyright procedure and law has a lot of fine points that a layman usually doesn't think about; so it's a good idea to write the Register for a booklet on the matter (the name of it is *The Copyright Office*).

• Business people may register, with the U. S. Patent Office, distinctive marks on the goods they distribute in interstate commerce (fee: \$25). Trademark registration is good for 20 years and is renewable; however, you must keep your mark in use if you want it to remain valid.

• Distinctive packages, slogans, business names, etc., similarly acquire a value through use. They're not protected by any special statute, but are amply covered by the basic legal precept of "unfair competition."

To give you a clue to the size of the traffic in ideas and innovations, here are some statistics:

More than 80,000 patents are applied for annually; the figure for trademarks is about 20,000; new copyright registrations total over 200,000.

What chance has the independent idea man in this sea of creation?

Experts say that the great majority of today's innovations are characterized by (1) teamwork, and (2) business or Government backing. In short, it's the professionals who hold the trumps.

Nonetheless, many an independent idea does get acceptance—as witness the flood of books, music, and contrivances by unknowns. But in trying to market an idea, it's wise to realize this right off:

Manufacturers generally won't look at inventions unless they're (1) patented, (2) submitted in writing, and (3) not labeled confidential.

Literary property is treated just as gingerly, to avoid accusations and suits for theft. Toughest are the broadcasters and advertising agencies.

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The petitioners assert that some of these surplus military rifles are purchased abroad for as little as 82¢ each. Some are sold here as low as \$14.88 apiece. This unfair competition is crippling sales in an important industry and is putting American workers out of their jobs.

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CLAUDIS P. TURNER, Williamsport, Ald., has one for deer slayers who don't want to get slain: "I suggest taking about 21/2 yards of red flannel cloth along on your hunting trip. It makes a nice seat when folded, keeps you warm, keeps out the damp. Besides, it might save your life. My deer was shot at after it was dressed and I was washing my hands about 75 feet from it. I don't think any hunter would have made that mistake had the deer been wrapped in red flannel. The bright cloth would also make it safer when bringing your deer out to your car or camp."

THOMAS D. JOHNS, of 707 Third St., Webb City, Mo., likes to use an automatic pistol, and he has some advice that may help other pistoleers. Tom writes: "Use a plastic bag to cover your pistol when not in use. It eliminates moisture." He also says that after field-stripping his pistol recently he had trouble assembling it again. He wrote to the manufacturer for a chart of parts and instructions for assembly. The company sent him a clearly written bro-chure that showed how to do it, thus solving his problem.

DICK DRAPER, of 422 Third St. NW., Aitkin, Minn., is a pretty observant naturalist. He says that when you get lost in the woods without a compass, you can find your way out by following these simple instructions: Look for a poplar tree, because it is often marked with blotches or scarred on its south side. He points out that the sun shines on this side of the tree, and insects burrow there. One of these insects leaves a scar which, when healed over, is about the size of a half-dollar. They appear one above the other in a vertical row on the south side of the tree. Once you are oriented as to which direction is north, south, east, or west, you should be able to find your way out of the woods.

John Metzler, of 2800 Ivy Place, Chalmette, La., has a way that will help you to find your way out of the woods on a starlit night when you are lost and without a compass. His advice: Don't panic, lie on your back under a tree and line up a branch or twig with a star. The star will move away toward the west, and then you have your direction. Sounds helpful, but you have to be able to move around in the woods in the dark to find your way out.



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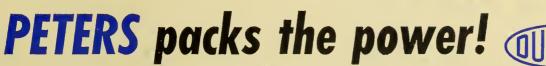


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## ROD AND GUN CLUB

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A NEW EDITION of the National Directory of Shooting Preserves is just off the press. It lists 350 places to hunt in 40 States. Many sporting goods stores and gasoline stations will have free copies for distribution. This handy volume has five full-color photographs which combine the elements of gun, dog, and bird in action. You can get a free copy by writing Harry L. Hampton at Sportsmen's Service Bureau, 250 E. 43d Street, New York 17, N. Y.



SMITH & WESSON has brought out a beautiful .22-ealiber automatic pistol known as the Model 46. It carries a detachable twoounce counterweight at the barrel end, and the barrel is also grooved for accessory Olympic weights. Made as a companion trainer to the distinguished Model 41, it is stripped of the de luxe refinements but retains inherent accuracy and interchangeability of parts with the competition model.

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DR. J. P. LINDUSKA of Remington Farms ruminates on habitat of wildlife. He says snowshoe hares like cedar swamps. Cottontails like brushy fencerows bordering on farmland. Wild turkey like it deep in the woods, while white-tail deer like the edgelands. He says quail like the edge of the forest too. The prairie is gone and with it the buffalo and prairie chickens.

YOU READ A LOT in the daily press about people catching spectacular big-game fish like marlin, salmon, and muskie. Most fishing, however, is done for the lowly panfish.

About 900,000 licensed anglers, for example, fish in Ohio's waters yearly. Half the fish caught there are bluegills. Onethird are erappies. Catfish and bass are next in importance. All other fish make up the remaining 9 percent, according to studies made by fishery biologists.

LARRY VAN ERSVELDE, of Montezuma. Iowa, who catches bullheads with cornmeal and molasses, says: "Mix cornmeal and molasses with a little water, enough to make a paste. Let it harden a bit, then roll it into balls, and you have your bait ready to put on your hook."

ONE OF THE POTENT paragraphs under "Proper Gun Handling" in the Instructor's Guide of the NRA Hunter Safety Course says: "Treat every gun as if it were loaded until you have personally inspected it to be sure it is not. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. Be sure of your target." And lots more. Qualified instructors may get these booklets from the National Rifle Association, 1600 Rhode Island Ave. NW., Washington 6, D.C., at 10¢ each.

DID YOU KNOW that the greatest influence on shot shell pattern is the choke of the barrel? Not shotgun barrel length. Not length of the barrel chamber, and not the diameter of the barrel muzzle. And that the greatest number of shotgun shells used are used on rabbits? Not ducks, not quail, and not squirrels.



TWO NEW big-game telescopic sights are being offered by the Marlin Firearms Co., New Haven, Conn., at popular prices through sporting goods and hardware dealers. Marlin "Micro-Power" scopes are available in 21/2-power and 4-power complete with mount bar and split mounting rings. Scopes are optically engineered to give sharper and brighter images. All outside lenses are sealed, making the scopes completely moistureproof, also preventing fogging of lenses inside during cold weather. Other features: Adjustment screws with waterproof eaps, positive click adjustments for windage and elevation settings, sun shade to eliminate reflection, crosshair reticules, coated lenses for no-glare shooting. The scopes are featherweight light with black anodized rustproof aluminum tubes. The 21/2-power scope weighs six ounces, sells for \$44.95; the 4-power scope weighs seven ounces and sells for \$49.95.

Marlin 336's with the letters, L, M, N, P, R, S, etc., in front of the serial numbers have four holes drilled and tapped on top of the receiver to take the new Micro-Power scopes. Older 336's without drilling and tapping can be modified at the Marlin factory to take the mount bar, rings, and scope for a cost of \$3 plus return postage. Other makes of high-power rifles can accommodate the new scopes if mount bar or base and one-inch rings made by a firm such as Lyman or Weaver are provided.

-Jack Denton Scott

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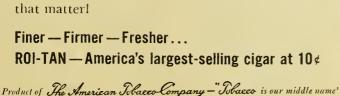


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# THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT: Should Puerto Rico Be The 51st State?



(PRO) After the admission of Alaska and Hawaii into the Union, I believe that Congress should give early consideration to the proposal to grant statehood to Puerto Rico. This is a timely and a logical proposal. In my estimation, Puerto Rico unquestionably deserves this recognition and it meets all the criteria required for

statehood.

On May 7 of this year I introduced a bill, H.R. 7003, which provides for: (1) a referendum by the people of Puerto Rico on the admission of the island as the 51st State of the Union; (2) the establishment of procedure for statehood for Puerto Rico, if its population so desires.

Now, as to the reasons why we should grant state-hood to Puerto Rico:

First, our relationship with Puerto Rico dates from the year 1898, over 60 years ago, when the island was ceded to the U. S. after the Spanish-American War. Throughout these years some of our legislators in the U. S. and many people in Puerto Rico urged eventual statehood for the island.

Second, the platforms of both the Democratic and Republican Parties have on various occasions in the

past supported statehood for Puerto Rico.

Third, Puerto Rico's geographic location is of vital importance to the strategic defense of the U. S. and the whole Western Hemisphere. It is the gateway from the Atlantic to the Caribbean area and lies directly athwart of the approaches to the Panama Canal. An independent or neutral Puerto Rico would serve as an indirect invitation to anti-American elements to undermine our position in the area.

Fourth, the patriotism and loyalty of the Puerto Ricans have been well established in World War II and the Korean War, in which they distinguished themselves with great valor in battle and earned the admiration of the American people.

Fifth, Puerto Rico's admission to statehood is justified by its economic growth, adequacy of population, and increasing trade with the U.S.

Like millions of other Americans, the Puerto Ricans are vitally interested in maintaining a higher standard of living, better education, and strengthening of the U. S. and the Western Hemisphere as a bulwark of freedom and democracy. The granting of statehood to Puerto Rico would enhance our position in the eyes of all people of Latin America, and it would strengthen the defenses of the entire Hemisphere.

Victor L. Anfuso (D)
Member of Congress from 8th District of New York

(CON) I am opposed to Puerto Rican statehood at this time. The people of Puerto Rico have



The people of Puerto Rico have never had a direct vote on the question of statehood. In 1951 they did, by majority vote in an election, approve their commonwealth status. I am opposed to consideration of statehood for Puerto Rico by the United States Congress

until the Puerto Rican people have held a plebiscite and voted for statehood.

The dissimilarity of culture, ideals, and political backgrounds of the peoples of Puerto Rico and the United States is vast. The traditions and beliefs of Puerto Rico are more comparable to those of Spain and South America. As other States have been admitted to the Union, they have shared with the Union common interests, making us a closely knit nation. We do not share a common language with Puerto Rico, where Spanish is the predominant spoken language and presently is the basic language in the schools.

I do not think it is advisable to admit to the Union other parts of the world, particularly those areas which are not contiguous to the continental United States. A precedent was established by admitting Alaska and Hawaii. Now efforts are being made to admit Puerto Rico. Probably Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and other areas administered by the United States will seek statehood.

In my opinion, we should not become a United States of the world, nor should we continue to expand our boundaries at a time when we are accused of being aggressors and imperialists.

I believe that as we admit noncontiguous States to the Union, we weaken the Union. If Puerto Rico becomes a State, populationwise she will have seven times more representation in the United States Senate than New York State. Then the offshore States (Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico) with a population of approximately 2.8 million people—less than 1.7 percent of our total population—would have six votes in the United States Senate. In domestic issues important to the continental States, the balance of power in the Senate on controversial issues could be held by the six votes of the offshore States—States having little or no interest in the issues. This could apply also to taxation or the declaration of war.

I believe that statehood for Puerto Rico at this time is contrary to the best interests of Puerto Rico as well as the United States and would be inadvisable from an international standpoint.

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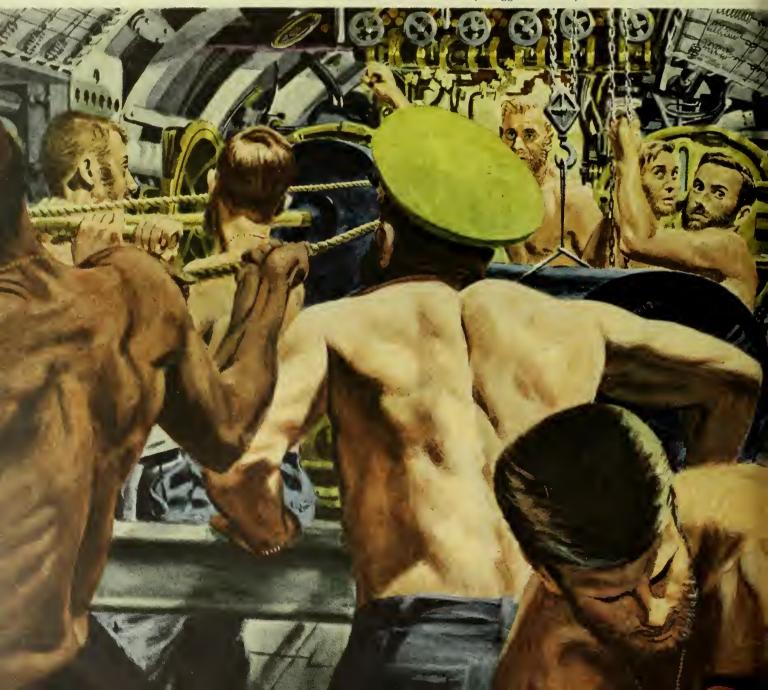
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## The sub planted nineteen mines

according to plan. The twentieth was...

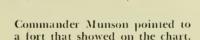
# THE GRACE OF GOD

By W. J. RUHE Captain, USN

N THE GREEN, misty light of dawn the Japanese merchant ship, Hakubusan Maru moved cautiously down the Saigon River. She was heavily loaded with rice from the fertile paddies of Indochina and was hurrying toward the Japanese Empire to ease the hunger of its warring people. It was February 1944.

There was a great urgency in her sailing because she was already overdue. Five days before, when an American submarine had been sighted in the river's mouth, all ship traffic had been stalled immediately. On the assumption that the sub had been laying mines, Japanese minesweepers frantically swept back and forth across the river entrance, but without success. No mine had been brought to the surface and none exploded by the magnetic sweep wires. Perhaps the enemy sub had been frightened off before she had accomplished her mission.

Dressed neatly in whites, the Hakubusan Maru skipper paced the bridge. First, he would stare intently ahead, trying to detect any black speck which could be a mine floating in the yellow. silted waters of the river; then he would glance off into the jungle on either side where the bow-wake of the big ship was climbing the mudbanks and shaking the bases of the densely grouped trees. Flocks of brilliant orange-, red-, and blue-plumaged birds, routed from their nests, rose screaming into the air. Their shrill protests at being disturbed shattered the morning stillness. The skipper decided that no American submarine would be foolish enough to risk being sighted in such shallow water.



A lookout on the wing of the bridge reported sighting the topmasts of a destroyer ahead. This was the merchant ship's escort to Japan. The skipper had just put a pair of binoculars to his eves when there was a muffled roar from somewhere far below him. The deck beneath him lurched upward, throwing him into the air. He fell sprawling to the deck, noticing that the whole ship was twisting beneath him. He pulled himself out of the pilothouse in time to see the center part of his ship rise in the air and then split across the middle. The two halves separated. He had a moment to curse the incompetency of the naval minesweeping detail, and a moment more to wonder how, after five days of sweeping, this one mine had gone unnoticed. Then he jumped clear of the forward part of the ship as it rolled over and sank in the muddy river.

Two days later, after much feverish minesweeping, a second merchant ship ventured down the river. She was being carefully steered around the masts and funnels of the *Hakubusan Maru* which jutted from the river's surface, and was only a scant 200 yards away from them when a second mine exploded below her hull. Her keel was smashed and a large gaping hole was torn in her engine rooms. Her skipper, however, managed to run her aground on the side of the

ILLUSTRATED BY WALTER RICHARDS

river, thus saving her from being sunk in midstream where she would have barred any further ship traffic down the river.

There was more sweeping. And this time two mines were exploded as the magnetic sweep wires passed over them. Finally, it seemed safe for ships to leave port once more. Five ships passed the sunken wreckage of the *Hakubusau Maru* safely; the sixth blew up. And this time the harbor entrance was completely blocked.

The food shortage in Japan had become even more acute.

How had the mines from a single U.S. submarine, the *Crevalle*, done this sort of damage—all while the submarine was more than a thousand miles away?

A mineplant certainly sounds like a simple and satisfying way to sink ships. But getting those mines correctly placed, deep in the mouth of the Saigon River, proved to be our most hectic mission. And then, not knowing until the end of the war if they'd done any damage gave but little satisfaction—and no medals.

During the preparations for the Crevalle's second war patrol our skipper, Commander Henry G. "Hank" Munson, was notified that, because of a shortage of torpedoes at Freemantle, West Australia, he'd be forced to go on patrol with less than the normal full load of 24. Direct and impulsive in his actions, he headed immediately for the headquarters of the commander of the submarine force in the Southwest Pacific. The staff tried to put him off by offering him a few mines to fill up the empty space. "But I don't want mines. I want torpedoes." he argued intensely. Admiral Ralph Christie then used the type of persuasion which our skipper couldn't resist. "I don't blame you for wanting a full load of torpedoes," he said persuasively. "Putting a load of mines in exactly the right spot where they'll really pay off entails the maximum sort of risk. There aren't many skippers in this business who'll lay those mines in only a few feet of water where they'll break the back of any ship that passes over them."

Commander Munson's wild blue eyes flashed recklessly. "I'll take the mines." he snapped.

When the Crevalle sailed north, she carried 16 torpedoes in the forward room and a full load of 20 mines in the after torpedo room. This meant a tight stowage plan which prevented the two mines stowed in each after tube from being routinely checked. So it wasn't until a few minutes before firing, and after the long trip, that we finally saw the condition of the mines which had lain deep in the tubes. Then it was too late! Fate had put our lives in the balance

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# WHY THE REDS ARE GAINING IN AMERICA

The Soviets' mammoth publicity campaign is making great gains for world communism.



Russian performers, exemplifying communist culture, played to packed houses.

# By EUGENE LYONS

HE HALLMARK of the communist movement in our country at this stage is paradox — a paradox that confuses even knowledgeable leaders of opinion and breeds the kind of national complacency on which red conspiracy thrives

As an organization, the Communist Party of the United States has obviously become smaller and weaker. Yet in the larger sense — measured by the spread of communist ideas and our vulnerability to communist influences — American communism is growing stronger and more dynamic.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities put the matter crisply in its annual report for 1958: "Although the Communist Party as a formal, visible entity does not now loom large on the American scene, it is the studied judgment of this committee that the communist apparatus in the United States is



Russian educators visited Yale and said they were impressed.

more treacherous and, in some respects, a greater menace than ever before."

Such is the nature of the paradox. Unless it is more generally understood, unless the country shakes off the illusion that communism here is dying if not dead, the Kremlin's claws will soon be



Movies plugging the communist way of life are a feature of the touted "cultural exchange."

deeper in the living flesh of America than ever in the past. And it is a paradox that has many faces, manifest on every level of the nation's life and thought. A few examples must suffice:

The country is without doubt more acutely aware of the physical threat posed by the growing military strength of the Soviets. Yet pacifist moods, geared to Moscow's cynical "peace" campaigns, are widespread. Known communist stooges give their special coloration to committees pressing for unilateral cessa-



Hundreds of thousands paid a dollar apiece to see Russia not as it is but as it would like to be.

tion of nuclear tests. Full-page ads demand shrilly that we give up our "rigid positions" in disarmament, with nary a word about the rigidity of Soviet positions; the prominent noncommunist signatures are larded with familiar fellow-traveling names.

Pressure groups of every variety have shed their former inhibitions about accepting, or even soliciting, the support of people with notoriously red records. Many of those realistically worried by Soviet threats abroad make light of the threats at home, refusing to recognize that the two things are indivisible.

There is a lot of anguish over the "gap" in missiles. But we ignore the gap in political knowledge and activity which opens our society to red infiltration and systematic softening. Those who try to alert the country are shrugged off as "hysterical," extremists, leftovers of the "McCarthy period."

Some alarm is being voiced over the communist re-infection of Hollywood, evident in a new tolerance for red writers and actors and for people who have shown an affinity for communist causes. An example that comes to mind is the re-issuing of old Charlie Chaplin films. Yet there has been virtually no grassroots protest against official policy (under the catch phrase of "cultural exchanges") foisting Soviet motion pictures on the American public. Exhibitors reluctant to accept imported propaganda pictures find themselves helpless against official pressures.

The average American is still shocked to discover goods from behind the Iron Curtain in the shops. But no one seems concerned when top-shelf bankers and industrialists fraternize with pitchmen for all-out trade with Soviet Russia; when influential business groups like the New York Economic Club or the Economic Club of Detroit listen eagerly to Ambassador Menshikov, Comrade Anas-

tas Mikoyan, and American muddleheads like Cyrus Eaton.

The dangers of communist penetration of the American labor movement are generally admitted. That, however, hasn't acted as a brake on the notoriously procommunist chieftain of the long-shoremen, Harry Bridges; or on continuing red control of an electrical union, a teacher's guild, unions in the communications field, the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. We behave as if the Kremlin had vested rights to subvert labor.

The area of freedom is shrinking; the ultimate catastrophe of a communist-dominated world comes ever closer. The Kremlin is tightening its hold on the Middle East, entrenching itself in the newly sovereign and politically immature African countries, deploying its forces in places as far apart as Indonesia and our Caribbean backyard.

The American people are not unaware of these developments. But somehow

they see no contradiction between justified fears on this score and their enthusiastic receptions for Soviet dancers, industrial and economic delegations, scientific missions and the like. American tourists by the hundreds, after a few crowded weeks of guided sightseeing, return to glorify Soviet "achievements" and, by implication or in so many words, to cast doubts on their own country's civilization. Few of them bother to make clear that they are reporting on a brutal

police state bent on demolishing what remains of freedom on this earth.

It all adds up to political confusion and mental anarchy. The most important element in the picture, explaining much of the rest, is the virtual collapse of awareness and vigilance with regard to the communist menace — the apathy which J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, recently called "alarming and shameful." The underlying assumption, encouraged and nurtured by pro-Sovieteers and their dupes, is that communism has ceased to be an internal problem. Nothing, of course, could be better calculated to make America maximally vulnerable to red techniques of conquest.

Measured in numbers, the Communist Party is at its lowest ebb in nearly 40 years, with a membership under 10,000 as against peaks of 75,000 to 80,000 in the 1930's and 1940's. Since February 1956 it has suffered two waves of mass defection: the first in the aftermath of

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While officially we are fawning over the Soviets, the reds continue their atrocities. This is a Navy plane fired on by MIG's. Note the bullet holes. The plane's tail gunner suffered 40 shrapnel wounds.

# Why Should Archers Rate SPECIAL

By ELMER KEITH

HE SPORT OF ARCHERY is well organized nationally. In many sections, particularly in the East, there are excellent range facilities where archers may develop their skill, even when there are no ranges for rifle or pistol shooters. These ranges are extremely popular. Archery develops the arm, back, and shoulder muscles; and the sport calls for steady nerves, keen sight, and perfect coordination.

I am strongly in favor of archery as a sport for reasons such as these. However, I am not so enthusiastic about archery as a means of hunting big game, and I am emphatically opposed to the practice of giving huntsmen-archers the preference they are being given over the powder-burners.

A canvass of all licensed big-game hunters in any big-game State will show at least a thousand using rifles, shotguns, or handguns for every hunter with

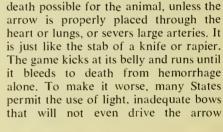
bow and arrow. Why, then, should the archer be given the privilege of a special hunting season starting from 10 days to two weeks before the powder-burners are allowed to take the field? Why also should archers be permitted to have some of the best big-game country set aside for their exclusive use?

This situation has elicited a flood of protests from all over the nation, and with good reason. In making their complaints, these hunters often get to the heart of the matter by pointing out that altogether too many States have game commissions empowered to make laws and establish hunting seasons at their own discretion, regardless of the wishes of the citizenry affected. I am aware that the archer's answer to any charge of favoritism is that he cannot compete on an equal basis with the powder-burning hunter. That is true enough; but so long as he wishes to handicap himself with a primitive weapon and is in such a minority, I fail to see why he should be given any preference over the man who hunts with a gun.

Let us look into this business of killing big game with a bow. While I hold no brief for the huntsman-archer, nevertheless the broadhead arrow of proper construction is a very certain and deadly weapon when properly placed. It will kill and has killed every living species on this or any other continent, sometimes with the addition of a very potent poison on the arrowhead. However, the arrow has no shock; and unless poison is used as it is by native hunters in Africa, it must kill from hemorrhage alone. This takes time and is the most lingering, painful

# HUNTING PRIVILEGES?

Legal inconsistencies often penalize the man who hunts with a gun, especially the hunter who would like to use a handgun.





This is what a .44 Magnum slug will do. In this test the bullet penetrated 14 inches of wood.

through the deer. Such bows, pulling less than 50 pounds, should be made illegal for hunting.

I am not speaking from hearsay. I trained one whole year with the best yew bows that Jack Frost of Arcata, California, could produce, and together we developed a leaf-shaped broadhead that would not bend or curl up on a rib. I did this preparatory to hunting elk and

The author with the powerful handguns he advocates — .44's.



The archer is a sportsman of a high order, but his weapon is inadequate for killing big game.

deer the following fall. Then I decided to kill some beef with the bow to see how it reacted. I killed three beeves for Judge Don Martin on his ranch, and later three more including one of my own. That was enough for mc. I was handling an 85-pound yew bow with ease and, at distances up to 80 yards, was hitting a 30-inch carton most of the time. I drove those 1½-inch-wide broadheads clear through the critters, through heart and lungs. Often the arrow passed through and stuck in corral poles on the other side.

With blood pouring out on both sides, they would bawl and run around the corral for a full five minutes by my watch before they would go down. Then, when the heads were completely removed, they would still kick at us every time we attempted to start skinning. This continued for another five minutes, showing clearly that their adrenalin was well

With blood pouring out of them, the steers would run tround the corral for five minutes before going down.

pumped through the whole system. With one steer I put an arrow through the lungs close in behind the shoulder and out the off side, then another arrow through the flats of the shoulders in the heart area and the blade projected six inches on the off side. Then I made a third shot, the old Indian shot, from behind, just back of the rib cage. This penetrated into the lungs, leaving just the last half-inch of arrow showing in the entrance. That steer bawled and hobbled around the corral a full five minutes after receiving the third arrow from that 85-pound full-drawn bow.

I even tried a frontal brain shot on a two-year-old Hereford steer of my own that I wanted to butcher. For this shot I used a Howard Hill broadhead, and it penetrated only half the length into the forehead of the steer and merely staggered him for a few seconds. Then I put a .44 Special 250-grain slug from my sixgun just under the arrow and he died instantly. This experience was too much for me. After 30 years of big-game guiding and outfitting, and a lifetime of big-game hunting, I wanted nothing more to do with the bow. I hung it on the wall where it hangs today.

In sharp contrast is the effect of almost any good firearm when used for the same purpose. I dislike suffering



Here, says Keith, is the proper place for bows and arrows.

myself and hate to see any fine game animal suffer. Any heavy sixgun will drop any beef critter, even a 2,000-pound bull, instantly with brain shots. Any decent rifle or shotgun using slugs or buckshot will kill any beef animal in a very short time with lung shots. The bullet, shotgun slug, or dose of buckshot imparts a terrific shock to the boast. And long before this numbing, paralyzing effect has worn off, the animal is dead from hemorrhage with no suffering entailed. Powder-propelled ammunition will penetrate to the brain or spine, and sever the latter, killing instantly. But not so the arrow. Therefore, from a humanitarian standpoint, the arrow does not even remotely compare with a gunshot wound for killing.

Our good State of Idaho is one of the States that has special archery hunts in areas set aside for the archers' use alone. The law does not even permit a fircarm to be carried in this area. Game wardens stationed in the area informed me that the archers were chasing wounded deer all over the area. Their percentage of kills to the number of hunters was very small, but the percentage of wounded animals lost and left to die a lingering death or become food for the coyotes was very much larger than in any area permitting the use of rifles, sixguns, or shotguns.

The archer is a sportsman of the highest order, and I do not wish to see his sport curtailed. Still I (Continued on page 53)

# GOOD SCHOOLS

But a certain amount of common sense is necessary on the part of everyone concerned.

## By DARREL D. RIPPETEAU

CHOOLS ARE ONE of the few remaining areas of government to which the average citizen still has free and familiar access. In theory and practice alike, he can affirm or disapprove most of the inner workings of his local school system – including its administrators, teachers, and physical facilities.

Most of us take full advantage of this right. But do we do so intelligently? Lord Dunsany, the Irish dramatist, once said: "Modern poets are bells of lead. They should tinkle melodiously but usually they just klunk." As an architect, I've seen too many people act similarly about schools, especially about the planning and construction of new schools.

Consider the case of the new baby. Although joyful news to Dad, it presents him with a grave personal problem — building another bedroom to accommodate the new arrival. What does he do? First, he considers costs carefully. His salary already is tagged for mortgage, car, and insurance payments, plus food and living costs. So he decides to stretch it a bit further by getting a short-term loan.

Working from a plan, he maps out building materials requirements and costs. Next, he obtains quotations from carpenters and other skilled laborers. Finally, he selects the men and materials that will best do the job. Result: baby gets an attractive new bedroom, thoughtfully planned, well built, and properly financed.

Now consider Dad as a public-spirited citizen, eager to help improve his community's schools. He wants to do well, and he sincerely believes he can. After all, several common factors regarding construction problems exist between the citizen and his school board or district. To build, both usually must borrow money, pay interest over a considerable period, predict future needs, and buy and build on a site that will retain its intrinsic value.

Naturally there are differences between the two situations. Although the man with a family can predict accurately what his future housing requirements will be, school officials can forecast probable pupil enrollment only six years ahead, largely guessing beyond that.

Structural space is adequate only when it suits the function of the structure as well as fulfills the area requirements of the equipment placed within it. Failure to heed this rule is the greatest single cause of trouble over school construction costs. Why? Because the tendency to overbuild is natural. It is a subconscious expression of the American belief that nothing is too good for our youngsters. As a report of the Committee

for the White House Conference on Education has stated: "The school building apparently has become the chief public expression of American concern for children."

The urge to overbuild affects everybody. During the early planning of a new school, the teaching staff sometimes is brought in to advise the administrative staff and architect. Each faculty member usually feels that this is the one opportunity he has to present ideas as to what he needs. As a result, the home economics staff pleads for a living room and a dining room rather than a one-room combination of the two. The physical education staff wants elaborate public speaking systems and floodlighting for the football field. Manual train-



Many communities have been thrown into turmoil because of rising school costs.

ing instructors request shop classrooms doubled in size to accommodate new power shop tools. Others make equally sincere appeals. Each request in itself is relatively minor; but when they are combined, the total adds staggering increases to the original cost figures for the proposed building—figures far beyond the limits within which the architect must work.

The rose-colored notion that "finally we are building a new school and we had better get ours while the getting is good" is not solely that of educators. Citizens delegations, whose members personally would never overbuild anything they must pay for, demand of school board members the addition of special facilities which are essentially for community rather

# CAN COST LESS!

than school use. For instance, auditorium stages—oversized and overequipped when compared to stages designed for student activities only—are often exacted by civic groups anxious to produce theatrical productions for the community. These groups fail to realize that the additional construction, maintenance, and heating expense for stages of the profesresign; bond votes fail; construction plans are discarded.

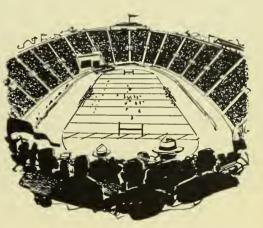
Obviously a sensible approach for building schools is available. Let's consider the means for uncovering it and using it.

Local taxpayers determine whether or not a school board can build a new school or enlarge an old one. More than a development bound to inturiate their taxpayers.

Debt service requirements have a prior claim on current moneys. Thus the burden of payments in future years may leave inadequate revenue for current school operations. Unless localities plan what they are doing today with care and foresight, the privilege of keeping schools



Sometimes interested parties will demand an auditorium with equipment surpassing that of a Broadway theater.



The sports-minded want a stadium of Rose Bowl proportions.

sional type are borne as *school* expenses by the public.

Self-interest runs amuck in more general ways, too. Taxpayers frequently react to bond votes authorizing a new building according to the number of children they have of school age. Childless parents, or those without youngsters in school, see only the costs involved. On the other hand, parents with large families want their schools not only to be fine buildings, complete with giant parking lots, gymnasiums, and football fields, but also active community centers.

Planning and building a school is as uncomplicated as any other construction project. But the decision to build carries with it the *responsibility to build well!* If this fact is misunderstood, or if the urge to overbuild is left unstifled, then the joint efforts of all groups—taxpayers, school officials, and educators—break down. This leads to the formation of cliques which are governed by self-interest, false pride, and muddy thinking. And what results? Taxpayers resist school board actions; angry citizens hold mass meetings; school board members

75 percent of the moneys used for school construction is local. The remainder is derived from State or Federal sources or local-State school building authorities.

The need for future school construction programs squarely faces all school boards today, regardless of the present condition of their school plants, Annual births now average a little more than 4 million. By the end of the 1960's they will be running around 5.2 million. The school-age population will be some 53 million at that time. Total public school enrollment now 34 million, will shoot to 41 million or even higher. This means an additional 9.4 million pupils will enter public schools. At 28 pupils per class, 335,000 new classrooms will probably be built within the next 11 years.

Future enrollment increases aren't the only headaches facing school boards. Some school districts have exhausted their bonding capacities by already having met heavy building commitments. The massive payments they must make to service their debts in the years ahead will undoubtedly take abnormally large bites out of their current tax revenues—

within the control of local taxpayers will—for all practical purposes—be lost.

Aside from estimating what kind of demands will be placed in the 1960's and 1970's on schools we build today, we should know the price for these projects, both for immediate outlay (capital outlay payments) and future amortization (debt service payments). These factors are more important than dickering over whether or not adequate schools are those stripped to the barest essentials; lacking sufficient ventilation, lighting, and durable finishes; without the kind of construction that means low maintenance costs; and without ample acreage for future use.

Capital outlay payments are similar to our average citizen's building loan which he used to finance the building of his baby's bedroom. Debt service payments are like time payments for a car or washing machine. Your community will benefit from long-range capital-financing service programs as well as debt service programs, which customarily are long term. They help create public awareness

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# America's Most Flourishing Fraud

## By RALPH LEE SMITH

T MUST BE SAFE, John, or they wouldn't be allowed to sell it!" Many a wife has said something like that to her mate. When it comes to medicine and health, many people be-lieve that "the authorities" can always prevent unfair play. Unfortunately, however, despite tremendous efforts by Government agencies and private groups, medical quackery has become the Nation's biggest and most flourishing fraud.

America is probably the world's healthiest and most health-conscious nation. The medical profession and the drug industry have served America well, and they uphold high standards of ethics in their service to the public. But a small group of unscrupulous gyps and shysters has been cashing in on the public's confidence in medicine and the strong desire of Americans to provide for the health of their families.

It isn't easy to get a clear picture of how much these gyps are making, but partial studies have turned up some astounding figures. The American Cancer Society, which has been waging war on the gyps, says that cancer quacks are taking in \$10 million annually. Gyps Medical quacks are after your money, but

their "cures" may also cost you your life.

are actively offering treatments and nostrums for every other major disease, on a scale at least comparable to the cancer phonies. In another field, a congressional committee recently reported that weightreducing frauds are a \$100 million business. And the American Medical Association states that false and misleading offers for vitamins, minerals, and food supplements are costing 10 million Americans \$500 million a year.

This is shocking news to the average family. When people first hear of the extent and magnitude of medical quackery, they sometimes feel alarmed and helpless. However, there is actually no reason whatever for anyone to be taken in by medical nonsense. A few basic ground rules and a familiarity with the major areas of extravagant claims and quackery can turn you into a first line of defense against this public menace. Law

enforcement authorities and civic agencies need the help of intelligent and informed buyers to stamp out the gyps.

Medical frauds can be roughly divided into four groups:

Drugs which are in themselves dangerous to health or life if used without supervision.

"Doctors," "medical men," and "clinics" that actually have little background or qualification, and that offer cures regarded as worthless by modern medical

Drugs which are not dangerous in themselves, but are worthless for the purpose for which they are offered.

Drugs which may have certain kinds of usefulness under certain limited conditions, but which are not a proper or sufficient treatment for the conditions for which they are offered.

Frauds of the first type-drugs that are

# **Public** Beware!

#### WARNING AGAINST THE HOXSEY CANCER TREATMENT

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promise that the Hoxsey cancer treatment will cure or alleviate their candition. Cancer can be cured only through surgery or radiation. Death from concer is inevitable when concer patients fail to obtain proper medical treatment because of the lure of a painless cure "withaut the use of surgery, x-roy, or radium" as claimed by Hoxsey.

Harry M. Hoxsey treated thousands for cancer even though the Government had branded the treatment as worthless.





This machine, devised by one Mark Gallert, was used to cure various ailments. Gallert got a two-year sentence.

in themselves dangerous or poisonous—are not often encountered today, thanks to 25 years of ceaseless effort by the Federal Government. However, all four categories of trickery and quackery constitute grave dangers to health. A drug or treatment may be harmless in itself, but it may give a person the false notion that he is really treating his condition. He may have no idea what his condition really is; and the use of worthless cures may permit a potentially dangerous situation to deteriorate further, and may even lead to a fatal illness.

This is, of course, obvious in the case of worthless "cures" for diseases such as cancer, arthritis, or polio. But it should be recognized that it is also true of something as apparently harmless as a weightreducing remedy or a toothpaste offered as a "triumph over tooth decay." A fat person may start a drastic self-treatment of home medication and ill-advised diets, when his obesity may actually be only a symptom of some truly dangerous condition that may be aggravated by these tactics. A person who really believes that his dentifrice will bring "triumph over tooth decay" may discontinue his regular checkups.

It's hard to know which of the medical quacks would win a contest for the world's meanest man, but the cancer quack would certainly get into the finals



The person using this device was supposed to benefit by having his blood magnetized.

without any trouble. These men get wealthy on human misery and despair. They are sometimes directly responsible for needless suffering and death of persons who could have been cured by a regular doctor. Frequently they take the entire fortunes of such dying persons, assuring them that reputable medical science "doesn't know anything about cancer," and that a miraculous cure will be effected by the quack's methods.

Cancer has not yet been conquered by medical research; but much is now known, and about 50 percent of all cancers can be cured if treated in time by modern methods. It's a fact that 75,000 persons died of cancer in 1957 who could have been saved if they had consulted a competent physician in time and had followed his advice. A part of this group was the grim harvest of the quacks.

Prominent among worthless cancer "cures" have been the "medicines" and "treatments" of the Hoxsey Canver Clinic, of Portage, Pa. Thousands of persons flocked to the clinic to receive the "Hoxsey Treatment," which the U.S. Government described as worthless. The clinic, under the direction of Harry M.

matism are another specialty of the medical con men. Medical science does not yet know how to cure these diseases, although frequently much can be done in specific cases. The prevalence and painfulness of these diseases make them especially lucrative for the gyps.

In a typical case a postal fraud order was issued against a product called "Rub-N," which was advertised as a "Great New Discovery for Pain of Arthritis, Rheumatism, Muscular Aches, Swelling and Stiffness." It was said to have a "new miracle ingredient" that "penetrates deep into the paining joints and muscles." Post Office Department





Government agents seize Spectro-Chrome machines invented by Dinshah P. Ghadiali, shown in background of picture at left. The machine had lighted panels of glass. Different colors treated different diseases – for a price.

Hoxsey, Texas "naturopath," and John J. Haluska, a former Pennsylvania State Senator, fought a 4-year running battle with the Government in the courts while continuing to "treat" cancer sufferers. The Government finally won all its cases against the clinic; but the clinic continued to operate, and it soon found itself facing a contempt of court charge. Finally, in December 1958, the clinic's promoters signed an agreement to close the clinic's doors, rather than face the contempt action. No one knows the cost in human lives that was incurred while the clinic fought the Government and appealed the convictions when the Government won in court.

In Texas William M. "Doc" Estep offered an "Atomotrone" cure for cancer. The "Atomotrone," a gadget typical of phony machines that are sometimes offered for the treatment of serious diseases, consisted of a cabinet containing an old radio set with colored tubes. Estep organized a corporation to sell the machine, and sold stock. Fortunately, he was arrested for violation of the Federal Securities Act and Mail Fraud Statutes, was convicted, and received a 5-year sentence.

Worthless cures for arthritis and rheu-

hearings showed that the active ingredient was a well-known liniment, neither new, miraculous, nor of general benefit for arthritic sufferers. The medical expert's words are worth quoting for the benefit of persons who may be tempted to try such "miracle" cures and preparations for this disease:

"I can assert that the use of said preparation as directed, while affording possible temporary relief from pain of arthritis in some instances, cannot and will not relieve swelling of arthritis, and will not enable many arthritics to experience any relief from pain . . . arthritis may be due to a multitude of causes, including systemic diseases and endocrine abnormalities, which may eventually cripple and deform sufferers thereof, and may in some instances require bed rest and constant medical surveillance . . . local application of the active ingredient in Rub-N cannot and will not alter the course of arthritis or rheumatism, and in fact has no effect on the disease processes whatever."

These stern words should be a good reminder that arthritis and rheumatism are not conditions for home diagnosis and treatment. If you are afflicted, see

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Members of a United Air Lines flight crew wave goodbye to DC-7 as they arrive for DC-8 training.



In ground school, flight crews become thoroughly familiar with the new DC-8 jetliner and with jet flight techniques,



The individual assemblies and systems of the

# Training the Men Who Man the Jets

Amazing Electronic Equipment Speeds the Training of Flight Crews for New DC-8 Jetliner

HEN THE NATION'S jetliners, the Douglas DC-8's began scheduled operations last month, graduates of the industry's most comprehensive flight training program were at the controls.

First to put the new DC-8 into service was United Air Lines, which began transcontinental service in mid-September. Delta Air Lines scheduled DC-8 operations a short time later. Flight crews for both companies have been trained at United's Denver, Colo., flight training center.

There United has installed the latest in electronic training devices to bring airliner crews to new levels of cockpit proficiency. The latest of these ingenious training aids is a \$1 million DC-8 flight simulator which so realistically duplicates the sensations and conditions of flight that the Federal Aviation Agency authorized use of the simulator for jet pilot proficiency checks rather than requiring that flight crews take these checks in the aircraft itself.

It is equipment such as this that has



United flight crew nears touchpoint in landing approach in DC-8 flight simulator. Device combines the essential elements of a DC-8 cockpit with talented electronic apparatus and closed-circuit television to create a startling illusion of actual Jet Mainliner flight.

induced airlines from the world over to send their pilots to United's Denver base. On piston aircraft, pilots from more than 20 foreign airlines were trained in the last two years; for jet training the international complexion continues with Japan Air Lines the first foreign carrier to enroll.

United Air Lines has been making plans for the jet age since 1947. In 1955 it became the first domestic airline to order jets of any kind when it placed an order for a fleet of 40 Douglas DC-8 Jet

Mainliners. Actual flight training for the jets was started in September 1958.

DC-8 flight crews come from the ranks of those who have been crew members on piston-engine aircraft.

The Denver jet transition program includes 136 hours of ground school. A remarkable electronic jet engine trainer permits crews to obtain experience with engine handling impossible to achieve in the air.

Crews complete 20 hours in the flight simulator before moving into the DC-8



DC-8 are explained with elaborate, graphic training aids.



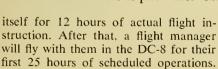
Electronic trainer gives practice in operation of J-57 engine. Engine malfunctions can be simulated at will.



Five-week jet course is tough. Night study is necessary if crews are to keep pace in program



The picture the crew sees through the cockpit window comes from airport mockup painted on wall at left. TV camera moves on tracks as pilot "flies" simulator.



Jet training is a continuing function. United expects to put more than 200 crews through the jet transition program within the next two years. Further, each of the airline's 2,100 flight officers will be brought into Denver at least twice a year for special training, including the latest techniques in jet flying. THE END



Path "flown" by simulator is traced on chart where it is followed by operator who gives "tower" instructions to pilot.



Nerve center of DC-8 simulator is complex electronic equipment housed in air-conditioned room.



▲ Delta Air Lines crew, in training at United base, inspects simulator mechanism.

▼ In final phase of program, crews begin actual flight training in new DC-8 jet.



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# This is Special Agent Hardesty-you pronounce it FBI...

He's got a wife, three kids and nine lives—and he needed them all...

Once he lived for 3 months in the middle of a vicious murderfor-profit ring...and once he died for 5 seconds, staring into the guns of 'Baby Face' Nelson...

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# Report from the Twin Cities

12 pages of news about the 41st National Convention of The American Legion, held at Minneapolis-St. Paul, August 22-27, 1959



### SOME CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

American Legion-affiliated organizations elected their new officers. Among them: The Forty and Eight, which named John M. Hobble, of Liberal, Kans., as its chef de chemin de fer (commander); the American Legion Press Association, which elected Francis W. Judkins, Syracuse, N. Y., as its president for the coming year; the Eight and Forty, which chose Mrs. James Michelet, of Hagerman, N. Mex., as its chapeau national (president); the Society of American Legion Founders, which named Gale F. Johnston, of St. Louis, Mo., as its president for 1959-60, and Judge William H. Dieterich, of Hartford, Wis., as its president-elect to take office a year from now; the Twenty and Four, which elected Mrs. Joseph Haldenberg, of Bellwood, Ill., as its Director VIP (president).

The Seagram Posts of The American Legion for the 13th year gave four Ford convertibles to Legionnaires and Auxiliaires. The drawing took place during the intermission of the Senior Drum and Bugle Corps finals at the University of Minnesota's Memorial Stadium on Sunday evening, August 23. The lucky winners, none of whom were present at the drawing, were: Frank E. Monczynski, of Post 799, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Gene Boyer, Unit 1, Topeka, Kans.; Charles Guidry, Post 478, Chicago, Ill.; and D. R. Spence, Post 308, West Hollywood, Fla.

At the National Executive Committee meeting on August 23, National Commander Moore presented a special citation to the Sinclair Refining Company for its continuing American Conservation Series of public service messages which are designed to further conservation and preservation of historic landmarks throughout the nation. E. J. Bassett, vice president and general sales manager of Sinclair, accepted the honor on behalf of P. C. Spencer, chairman of the board of Sinclair. Mr. Bassett also presented to Commander Moore a reproduction of the advertising message saluting The American Legion, that was used in the conservation series.

History was made — journalistically and photographically — on August 24 when the Minneapolis Star published an edition with a color photograph of the Legion parade which was sold to spectators along the line of march while the parade was still in progress. The picture (of a color guard passing the reviewing stand at Minneapolis' Parade Stadium) was taken at 9:15 a.m. and

rushed by motor scooter to the newspaper office where it was prepared for publication in 4 hours and 10 minutes. Just 5 hours and 19 minutes after the photograph was snapped, it was rolling on the press.

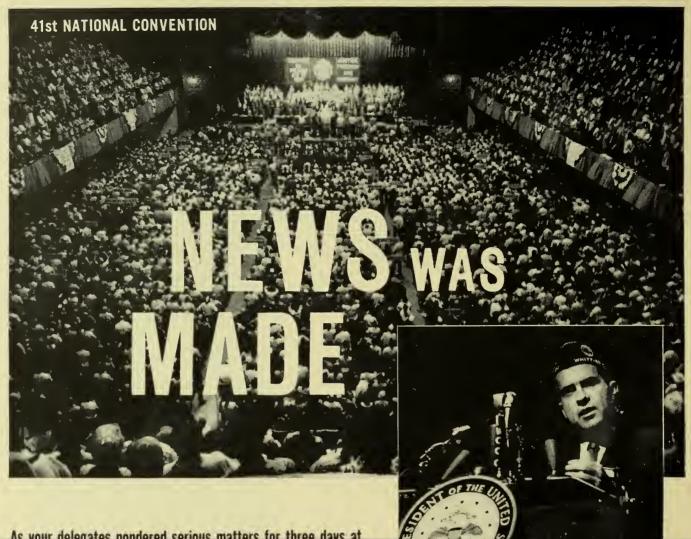
A total of 120,000 copies of the color editions were printed that day. The *Star* also carried special color pictures on page one throughout the Convention period. To obtain such high-quality work in such a brief time obviously requires organization and planning; it also requires alert editors, a topnotch photographic staff, and a group of mechanical whizzes in the production department. The results show that the *Star* has what it takes.

The superb entertainment at the National Commander's Dinner for Distinguished Guests on August 25 and the Auxiliary's States Dinner on August 26 was presented by ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers). The shows, produced by Paul Cunningham, featured such topflight stars as Morton Downey; Pompoff, Thedy and Family; Sammy Fain; Toni Arden and Jan Arden; Jackie Miles; Johnny Puleo and Gang; and a local-talent ice show for the Auxiliary.

On August 27, ASCAP and Morton Downey hosted a splendid victory party in honor of Martin B. McKneally, the new National Commander.

A new Legion gesture of appreciation, the Mercury Award, made its initial appearance at this year's Convention. The award is intended to express the Legion's appreciation for work in the communications field that helps to preserve the American way of life. First winners of the award were: The Chicago *Tribune*, the Advertising Council, and the *U. S. News and World Report*.

In his memorial address to the opening session of the Convention, National Chaplain Monsignor John J. Twiss paid high tribute to Past National Commander Roane Waring who died five days after the 40th National Convention ended in Chicago in September 1958. Said Chaplain Twiss: "There has been no more sincerely dedicated American in our ranks than Roane Waring of Tennessee, our late lamented National Commander. He was one of the founders and a guiding spirit of The American Legion, respected and loved by us all. I devoutly urge all Legionnaires to maintain the principles of true Americanism as exemplified by Roane Waring."



As your delegates pondered serious matters for three days at

the 41st National Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon addresses the 3,062 delegates to the Legion convention.

THE 41ST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ■ The American Legion returned — Aug. 24-27 - to the Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, where the first convention met 40 years ago.

The Legion's actions, and the appearance before it of top national leaders in and out of government, again commanded nationwide attention for more than a

Overshadowing all other issues in terms of current news was the matter of the impending visit to the United States of Soviet dictator Nikita Khrushchev.

To this event, both Richard M. Nixon, Republican Vice President of the United States; and Lyndon B. Johnson, Democratic Majority Leader of the United States Senate, gave top attention in major speeches to the convention.

Seldom have messages so similar been brought to the Legion by national leaders who are at opposite political poles.



Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas, the Majority Leader of the Senate.

Both Nixon and Johnson made these points:

1. Khrushchev has spent his life behind the Iron Curtain. His visit may and should - disabuse him of many false impressions of the U.S.

"He has some dangerous misconceptions about the U. S. and the free world," said Nixon, "which, in the mind of a man with such awesome power in his hands, constitute a terrible risk to the peace of the world."

"În a nutshell," the Vice President told the Legion Convention, "if we are to have a Soviet leader with such power . . . it is better to have one who knows the world than one who is isolated in the Kremlin.'

In different words, Senator Johnson

stressed the same point.
"Our problem," he said, "is how to see to it that Khrushchev will have a true picture of our country, a true picture of our people - and a true picture of our purpose.

2. Both Nixon and Johnson acknowledged widespread fears that the Soviet dictator's visit would signal "a deal" a la Munich, that would add up to appeasement of the Soviets by U. S. officials.

Nixon, speaking for the President, and Johnson, speaking for the Senate majority, flatly declared that Khrushchev can have no hope of any privately arranged appeasement as a result of his visit.

3. A calculated danger of the Soviet leader's visit, both political leaders warned, would be an impression that the meeting of Eisenhower and Khrushchev marked a "thaw in the cold war" that would justify the West to "let down its guard" against communism's international ambitions.

Such an impression would be unjustified and dangerous they said.

Both Nixon and Johnson called upon The American Legion to combat any such public inferences and to permit nobody to assume that as a result of the visit, communism is now "all right."

Later, in a Foreign Relations resolution, the Legion Convention resolved that:

"We counsel the American people to be alert and to recognize that 'all is not well' in the world today, that Khrushchev heads the deadliest conspiracy in world history, that its declared purpose is to destroy the United States and the free world, but that, nevertheless, they should accept the Russian Premier's visit with that dignity common only to free men, while holding fast to the thought and the determination that there



Nat'l Cmdr Moore pins Legion Distinguished Service Medal on Sen, Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, after Past Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn Collins made the award,

will be no compromise by either ourselves, our allies or the freedom-loving peoples of the world to the declared purpose of world conquest and enslavement which characterize Communism, and

"That we counsel our President that the best interest of our Country and the very survival of our freedom and liberty dictate that he never accepts the principle of coexistence with Khrushchev and others of similar character, that he meet the challenge of the communist conspiracy with courage and faith, that he continue to sponsor and support undertakings and counter-measures necessary to block the communist policy of aggression and expansion, that he must not retreat from the firm stand taken with respect to Berlin, and that he assure the cap-



Gen. Lauris Norstad, head of NATO military forces in Europe, tells the Convention of the defense of Europe.

tive peoples and those of the free nations that this exchange of visits will in no way compromise our position with respect to their interests."

The Khrushchev visit discussion was but one highlight of a convention jampacked with attention to serious business by 3,062 delegates for three busy days—August 25-26-27.

## **Speakers**

In addition to Nixon and Johnson, other notables who spoke in serious vein to the Convention included:

Gen, Lauris Norstad, NATO Military Chief in Europe; George Meany, AFL-CIO president; Sen. Robert S. Kerr (Okła.), recipient of the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal (who played a major role in steering the Legionfavored veterans' pension Bill HR7650 through the Senate a week earlier); Cy Tribur, representing the Boy Scouts of America; W. W. Eschelman, president of the Nat'l Education Ass'n; Sumner G. Whittier, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; Wilber Brucker, Secretary of the Army; Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, Army Chief of Staff; Korean Ambassador to the U. S. You Chan Yang; Bernard Abrams, Nat'l Cmdr of the Jewish War Veterans; William Fribley, Nat'l Cmdr of the Disabled American Veterans and Hugh J. McGivern, president of the Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force veterans.

Greetings from the host state and cities were brought by Minnesota Governor Orville Freeman; Senior U.S. Senator from Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey; Joseph E. Dillon, Mayor of St. Paul; P. Kenneth Peterson, Mayor of Minneapolis; Judge Levi Hall, president of the 1959 Convention Corporation and



Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, Army Chief of Staff, reviews U.S. defense problems.

a Legion founder; Robert Hansen, 1958-59 Department Commander of The American Legion in Minnesota; and Dan Foley, Minnesota Legion Nat'l Executive Committeeman.

#### Officers

Outgoing Nat'l Cmdr Preston J. Moore, (Okla.) presided over the Convention; and outgoing Nat'l Chaplain the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John J. Twiss (Mass.) conducted its religious and memorial ceremonies.



A message from organized labor is brought by AFL-CIO president Meany.

At the Convention's close on Thursday, August 27 it named to office for the ensuing year the following:

National Commander: Martin B. Mc-Kneally, 44-year-old attorney of Newburgh, N. Y.

National Vice Commanders: Charles McGonegal of California; William Brennan of Indiana; Willard Brandt of North Dakota; A. Layman Harman of South Carolina; and Nate Keller of Minnesota.

National Chaplain: Rabbi Robert Kalın of Texas,

Election of all officers was unanimous. As the Convention closed, the Nat'l



Army Secretary Wilber Brucker brings greetings to his fellow Legionnaires.

Executive Committee met briefly on the vacated auditorium stage. It reappointed E. A. Blackmore (Wyo.) as Nat'l Adjutant; Ralph Gregg (Ind.) as Nat'l Judge Advocate; and Francis Polen (Ind.) as Nat'l Treasurer. The NEC also authorized the national officials to dispose of the private airplane purchased two years earlier for the use of the National Commander.

#### Business

Nearly 700 resolutions were presented to the Convention.

To handle this great spate of pro-

# **NEWS WAS MADE**

posals, and other business, some 528 members of ten special Convention Committees reported to the Twin Cities several days ahead of the Convention.

They studied the resolutions and each special committee brought to the Convention its recommendations for action on the proposals assigned to it.

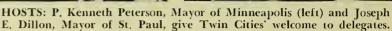
In the end, the Convention adopted 154 resolutions, containing the sense of 323 of the original proposals.

About 350 were either rejected or referred to permanent commissions for further study.

The Convention adopted all of the special committee recommendations, but not without heated debate on a few which led to two roll-calls and, on one occasion, a poll of the individual members of the Nebraska delegation.

The two roll-call resolutions dealt





was sustained. The vote-1,802 to 1,233.

Numerous resolutions demanding abolition of the restriction of 40&8 membership to "white males" were introduced.

Some called for an amendment to the Legion's Constitution.

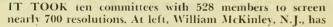
The Committee on Constitutional Amendments held that the Legion's Constitution is not at fault and that tution and calling on it to "forthwith comply."

On a roll-call the Alaska proposal lost -1,651 to 1,387.

#### Dues

Consideration of a proposal to increase national per capita dues of The American Legion was postponed by the Finance Committee, pending an expected special study of the American







the floor of the legislative committee. At right, Herman Wenige, Indiana, makes a point in the rehab committee.

with (1) UNESCO, and (2) racial discrimination in the 40&8.

The Iowa delegation urged defeat of an Americanism resolution condemning UNESCO. On a roll-call the resolution



Two of the Congressional Medal winners who were hailed by delegates, M. Sgt. Donald Rudolph, Minneapolis and Richard Sorenson, Anoka, Minnesota.

such constitutional "legislation" is not

Exclusion of members because of race, creed or color in a subsidiary organization is already considered unlawful under the Legion's Constitution and the 14th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, said the report — which was adopted by the Convention.

Other resolutions to end racial restrictions on 40&8 membership called on the Legion to enforce non-racial membership requirements in the 40&8.

These went to the Committee on Internal Organization. It recommended — and the Convention adopted — a resolution calling on the Legion to secure the cooperation of the 40&8 in reviewing its membership restrictions.

The Alaska delegation led a move for an additional resolution holding the 40&8 in violation of the Legion ConstiLegion's present and future national finances and programs later in the year. Movies

Communism in the motion picture industry resulted in resolutions that (a) praised most major studios for their



Monsignor John J. Twiss of Massachusetts, outgoing National Chaplain, conducts Convention's memorial services.







MORE HOSTS: Left, Judge Levi Hall, president of the Convention Corporation; center, three of the Twin Cities wheel horses who made the convention click — Guy Jensen, Phil Sieff Foley, Minnesota Legion Nat'l Executive Committeeman.

initiative in excluding communists and communist sympathizers from filmdom;

(b) Condemned certain independent producers and distributors for their use of known communists and communist sympathizers. Among those specifically mentioned were: United Artists; Kramer Productions; Seltzer Films; Bryna Productions; King Brothers Productions.

Another resolution condemned the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for amending its by-laws to permit communists to receive Oscars.

Another asked that movie writer Carl Foreman be recalled for questioning by the House Un-American Activities Com-

Here are some other actions included in the 154 resolutions that were adopted. In addition, a complete summary of all of them begins on page 37.

The Legion praised:

(a) The American Bar Association



W. W. Eschelman, president of the National Education Association with a message from America's teachers.

special committee report on red activities, and the same Association's expression of dissatisfaction with Supreme Court decisions affecting communists.

- (b) The Crusade for Freedom and Radio Free Europe.
- (c) The FBI's counter subversive work.
- (d) The loyalty oath in the Federal Aid to Education Act.
- (e) The coverage of National Convention news by news media.
- (f) Volunteer Legionnaire workers in the veterans hospitals.
  - (g) The Department of Labor's Bu-

reau of Apprenticeship and Training of Youth.

- (h) Local American Legion blood donor programs.
- (i) The conduct of the U.S. Air Force in the Berlin Corridor.
- (j) The "Great White Fleet" proposal of international good will.
- (k) The 10-year plan for Oceanographic Research.

The Legion urged:

- (a) Acceleration of the U.S. ICBM
- (b) No further weakening of the National Guard or the Ready Reserve.



Cy Tribur gave a special award to the Nat'l Cmdr from the Boy Scouts.

- (c) A far more adequate Civil Defense setup than at present, including construction of atomic shelters throughout the United States.
- (d) Legislation to guarantee restoration of civil government following a national emergency.
- (e) Stronger measures against the sale and distribution of obscene litera-

ture in the United States.

- (f) Stronger measures to suppress smuggling and transportation of narcotics and sale of narcotics to children.
- (g) Federal matching funds to the states for programs to combat juvenile delinquency.



Delegates got full reports on all resolutions from special committees. Here James Daniel (South Carolina) gives the report on Americanism proposals.

- (h) A nationwide study by the Legion's Child Welfare Commission of child problems arising from illegitimacy.
- (i) Limitation of the jurisdiction of the World Court to purely international affairs.
- (j) Reopening for one year of the opportunity to purchase WW2 and Korea government life insurance.
- (k) Passage of House of Representatives Bill 7650 regarding veterans pensions. (This Bill was passed by the Senate shortly before the convention convened and on August 30 was signed by President Eisenhower in England).



The Nat'l Executive Committee met as the Convention ended.

# THE LEGION ON THE MARCH

The Twin Cities had the greatest parade in their history as 20,000 marched.



Legion officials and distinguished guests in the reviewing stand in Parade Stadium, near the starting place.



Parade favorites were the Blessed Sacrament Golden Knights, sponsored by Post 302, Newark, N.J., which again won the National Junior Drum & Bugle championship.



Bill Leppien, Madison, Wis., in the role of Uncle Sam.



Hansen Elks Youth Band, the National Champion Junior Band, sponsored by Post 310, Madison, Wis., in the Stadium.



Glenda Brunson, of Savannah, Ga., demonstrated that her State raises a choice grade of peaches.



Using megaphones, Cudworth Male Chorus of Post 23, Milwaukee, national champions, sang to parade viewers.



Lorraine Cummings, marched as Junior Miss Arrowhead.



Harry Wright, a dashing caballero from Mexico City.



A two-gun marcher was Marshall Reddish, from Denver.



Famed aviator Roscoe Turner turned up flying a winged jalopy.



In the Michigan contingent was Gov. G. Mennen Williams.



The Kilties of Decorah, Iowa, made a big hit with the spectators.

CONTINUED 41st NATIONAL CONVENTION

# PEOPLE WHO WENT PLACES



The Minneapolis Municipal Auditorium, where business sessions were held.

Visitors to the Convention found plenty of things to occupy their time.



TOP: The Auxiliary's States Dinner was held in St. Paul Auditorium, with entertainment provided by ASCAP stars. BOTTOM: A parade of Gold Star Mothers preceded the Memorial Service held in the Minneapolis Auditorium.



Present at a meeting of American Legion Founders were former Sen, Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, Gen, Lawrence H. Whiting, and Past Nat'l Cmdr Alvin Owsley, Plaque in rear marks spot where first National Convention was held.



Guests at a private party given by Gen. Frank Schwengel and Ed McGinnis were (l. to r.): Gov. John E. Davis of North Dakota; Mrs. Charles W. Gunn, National President of the Auxiliary; Gen. Schwengel; and Martin B. McKneally.



Companies that advertise in *The American Legion Magazine* were represented by exhibits in the Minneapolis Auditorium which were well attended.

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED



Gen. Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and Preston J. Moore at the Commander's Dinner.



Gov. Orville L. Freeman and Frances Langford at the Commander's Dinner.



Greeting guests at a private party at the Radisson Hotel were Gen. Hugh J. Casey, of Schenley Industries, Mrs. Casey, and, at the right, Theodore C. Wiehe.



Gen, Frank Schwengel, left, of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, with Gov. John Burroughs of New Mexico, and Gov. James T. Blair, Jr., of Missouri.

HERE IS a digest of some of the resolutions adopted by the convention delegates. The balance of the resolutions will be digested in the November issue of this magazine.

### FINANCE:

Nat'l dues for 1959-60 to continue at

#### NATIONAL SECURITY:

#180. Urges U. S. Congress to provide sufficient modern aircraft and training facilities for the Military Air Transport Service,

#80. Urges that all military planes flying near communist-held territory be armed.

#141. Urges Congress to investigate requirements of heavy military air transporta-

#636. Requests Federal Aviation agency to base pilot license requirements upon education, training, experience and actual ability regardless of age.

#276. Petitions the President of the U. S. to proclaim December 7th as Civil Defense Day.

#279. Recommends Legion posts help develop a widespread education and training program of our civil population in civil defense activities.

#308. Urges members of The American Legion to organize for civil defense on a post basis.

#632. Defines a 12-point Merchant Marine policy.

#582. Requests Congress to equalize retirement benefits of members of the Armed Forces.

#596. Proposes a separate budget for the Ready Reserve and National Guard.

#143. Supports a minimum Army strength of 900,000.

#146. Supports an overall Marine Corps strength of 200,000.

#243. Supports a minimum Army Reserve and National Guard strength of 470,000.

#147. Urges the provision of funds for an adequate Navy construction program.

#### AMERICANISM:

#319. Urges that persons seeking public employment be required to take loyalty oath.

#447. Suggests amendment of the National Defense Education Act to prohibit use of funds for purchase of Russian-made

#110. Condemns Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in permitting known Communists to receive an Academy

#83. Supports the American Bar Association's report of its Special Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives.

#114. Urges Congress to immediately enact legislation that will restore the effectiveness of the Smith Act of 1940.

#111. Commends those motion picture producers and other members of the industry who have adhered to the principles of the Waldorf Declaration. Condemns independent movie producers and distributors who have used communists and communist sympathizers.

#44. Opposes the so-called "cultural exchange" program with Russia and her satellites.

#### CHILD WELFARE:

#554. Supports the principles of the Veterans Children Scholarship Act.

#600. Urges certain amendments to the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act.

#117. Supports laws affixing responsibility for juvenile delinquency upon delinquent parents or guardians.

#618. Defines American Legion policy on education.

### REHABILITATION:

#357. Seeks to assure VA hospital care for veterans with service disabilities who reside overseas.

#99. Opposes any merger of Veterans Administration benefits with Social Security benefits.

#581. Seeks to revise Government mode of reviewing military discharges.

### INTERNAL ORGANIZATION:

#2. Authorizes annual meeting of Dep't Commanders and Adjutants — Indianapolis, Oct. 4-5-6

#169. Asks nat'l officers to call on 40&8 to re-examine its "white male" membership restriction.

#### **ECONOMICS:**

#623. Seeks legislation to give VA same authority to regulate GI home loan interest rates as FHA exercises over its housing

#622. Seeks extension of WW2 GI housing program two years beyond present expiration date of July 25, 1960.

#190. Seeks the removal of un-American, dictatorial provisions from Agriculture Adjustment Act of 1938.

#628. Seeks an end to Post Offices relegating regular employees to "substitute" status without regard to veterans preference laws - by legislation if necessary.

#332. Supports federal and state veterans employment agencies, and appropriations for their annual budgets.

#206. Endorses the protection of job

rights of those who enter the armed forces. #248. Seeks the expansion of nationwide Gov't services to improve employment opportunities for older workers.

### LEGISLATIVE:

#97. Seeks a standing committee on Vetcrans Affairs in the United States Senate.

#631. Channels all Federal legislative activities in the name of The American Legion through the National Legislative Commission.

#616. Opposes emasculation of the Social Security Benefits program through HR7012 or any other bill.

### FOREIGN RELATIONS:

#396. Defines the current foreign policy program of The American Legion.

#576. Counsels the American people to accept the visit of Khrushchev to this country with that dignity common only to free men.

#645. Urges our government to prevent the establishment or continuance of any communist controlled government within the Western Hemisphere.



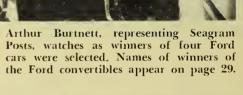
# WINNERS

Pomp and pageantry marked the big national contests.

7 INNERS OF some of the big national competitions held at the 41st National Convention will be found elsewhere in this issue. The Caballeros appear on our cover, and three other winners appear on pages 34-35 as marching units in the parade. These three are the Blessed Sacrament Golden Knights, champion Junior Drum & Bugle Corps; the Cudworth Male Chorus of Milwaukee; and the Hansen Elks Youth Band of Racine.



Brown Moore, son of the Commander, congratulates Gary Cartier of The Shadows, of Kankakee, Ill., winners of the Junior Color Guard contest.





For the 12th time the Harwood Band of Post 5, Joliet, Ill., took top honors.



Commonwealth Edison's Little Bills of Chicago won both the Color Guard and Firing Squad contests.



The New National Commander, Martin B. McKneally, as he greeted delegates.



The newly elected National Commander introduced his mother, Mrs. George F. McKneally, Sr., to the Convention.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**



Maurice Stember, an old friend of the Commander, presented the colors to him.

### The Men Who Will Lead the Legion in 1959-1960

MARTIN B. MCKNEALLY, the new National Commander, is a 44-year-old WW2 Army veteran of the Pacific theater. A resident of Newburgh, N. Y., he is an attorney and confidential secretary to a justice of the New York Supreme Court.



Newly elected National Vice Commanders, shown here left to right are: A. Layman Harman, Lexington, S.C.; Willard W. Brandt, Linton, N. Dak.; Charles C. McGonegal, Sunol, Calif.; William A. Brennan, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.; Nate V. Keller, Virginia, Minn.



National Chaplain Rabbi Robert I. Kahn of Houston.



National President Mrs. Alexander H. Gray



Standing, left to right, the five Vice Presidents of the Auxiliary for 1959-60: Mrs. L. D. Sweeney (N.Dak.); Mrs. Malley T. O'Connor (Conn.); Mrs. E. Preston Rhyne (N.C.); Mrs. Lester L. Nimon (Ohio); Mrs. H. Milton Davidson (N.Mex.). Seated, left to right, Mrs. Harry Martin (S.C.), Historian; Mrs. Alexander H. Gray (Tenn.), President; Mrs. Clifford A. Recce (Idaho), Chaplain.

### OUR BETTER HALF

### The American Legion Auxiliary

The AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY opened its 39th annual National Convention with an evening session on Monday, August 24. Delegates representing almost a million members held their business sessions in the auditorium of the Minneapolis Vocational High School and Technical Institute.

A high spot of the meetings was the presentation of the "Golden Mike" awards for outstanding television and radio programs, Winners this year included *Playhouse 90*, the Lawrence Welk show, *Meet the Press, An Evening With Fred Astaire*, and *Father Knows Best*.

Mrs. Alexander H. Gray, of Brownsville, Tenn., was elected National President. National Viee Presidents elected were: Mrs. Lester L. Nimon, Canton, Ohio (Central Division); Mrs. L. D. Sweeney, Larimore, N. Dak. (Northwestern Division); Mrs. E. Preston Rhyne, Hickory, N.C. (Southern Division); Mrs. Malley T. O'Connor, Middletown, Conn. (Eastern Division); Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, Clovis, N. Mex. (Western Division).

CONVENTION PHOTOS BY DONATO LEO



At opening session, Gov. Orville L. Freeman welcomed Auxiliaires to Minnesota.



Hon. You Chan Yang, Korean Ambassador, discussed the menace of communism.

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of future and may help reduce the competition between school building funds and other community programs financed from local taxes. Good financial planning should include: (1) Accurately estimating the total amount of district expenses, (2) setting up a budget for building expenses, (3) voting the school financing bonds, (4) selling the bonds at a favorable time, and (5) setting up bond payment and debt service schedules.

As for what actually constitutes economy, a recent study in behalf of the New York State Education Department by the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute School of Architecture, concerning potential economies in school building construction, said:

"It is a naive taxpayer who only looks at the initial building costs in a search for educational economy. The amount he will be required to pay annually to support the educational program in his community should be his major concern. Too often the price tag on the new school building itself assumes an importance in his mind out of all proportion to actual annual costs. Too few taxpayers realize that if some benevolent 'angel' were to give them their school

building at no cost whatsoever, their tax rate would be, on the average, only 12 per cent lower. The annual cost of maintenance and operation is almost as much as they are paying annually (in the form of debt service for the retirement of building bonds) toward the costs of the buildings themselves."

School buildings should be safe, comfortable, economical. Select a "fireproof" school; that is, one in which structural members are entirely (rather than partly) of fire-resistive materials. The slight initial savings that combustible materials afford diminish within a few years because of higher insurance and maintenance expenses. You also want a building design that has adequate fire exits so that the building may be quickly emptied.

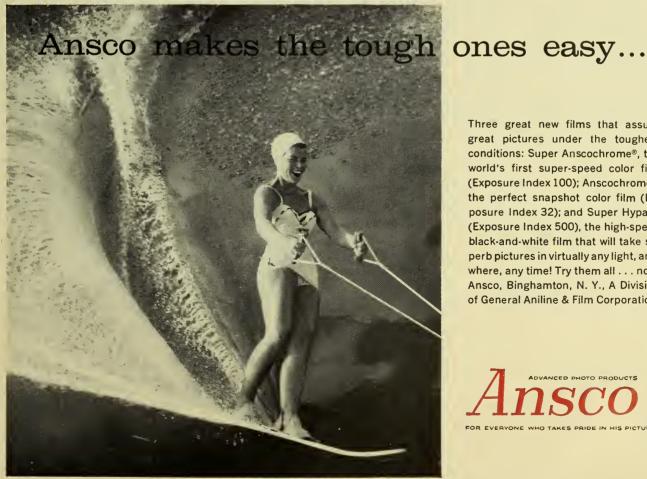
Pick an efficient educational plan that incorporates the new building and site with the overall needs of your school district and its student population. Generally speaking, the optimum size of elementary schools is 600 pupils; junior and senior high schools, either separately or in combination as the individual situation requires, should, for top efficiency, accommodate 1,000 to 1,200 pupils.

Make your new school pleasant; give it cheerful surroundings. Remember, pupils spend well over a decade of their lives in school.

As for the site—that is, the actual land upon which your school will stand-try to buy land in open country. The lower price permits you to purchase adequate space. Keep in mind future as well as present site size needs. For example, a 600-pupil elementary facility should be at least 11 acres; and a 1,000-pupil high school, no less than 20. A good site also should: Be safely removed from main traffic routes, yet remain easily accessible to secondary roads or streets; be reasonably level, so as to reduce improvement costs; possess good natural drainage; be free from costly subsurface conditions, such as rock; and be readily serviced by the utilities.

Tailor your building to fit the pupils' mental and physical needs. In an architectural sense, comfort results from the wise use of space, materials, lighting, and ventilation. By comparing how well these environmental elements are adapted to the students' physical and mental capacities, you can pretty well judge how good your school will be.

Use durable materials and facilities that will hold up throughout the building's expected useful lifespan, generally



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a period ranging from 30 to 50 years. But these materials also should be such that they will require minimum maintenance.

Adequate schools can be built economically—if proper attention is paid to the four factors which determine their cost: Citizen participation, design, selection of materials, and administration.

Citizen participation helps everyone to know his particular function and responsibility. Realizing your role, as well as the parts others will play, can be a big help. Keep these pointers in mind:

- The taxpayer is the watchdog over actions of the school board and its administrators or architects.
- School board members have the obligation to find out and then tell the public what school plant needs exist.
- School staff members know from firsthand experience what kind of school is needed. This group should prepare the required educational specifications.
- The architect is the key man. He knows best how to combine educational needs with design requirements.

In the field of design, these specific ideas can trim costs and avoid extravagances:

- 1. Make all space useful, and minimize little-used space.
- 2. Combine multiple-use areas wherever feasible—such as a library and study hall, cafeteria and library, auditorium and music-studies studio.
- 3. Plan home economics, science, and other special rooms to serve as home rooms.
- 4. Avoid extra costs and doubtful contract requirements by insisting that the architect prepare detailed bid specifications for contractors.

- 5. Be sure the architectural design gives careful attention to the plan of the building in order to reduce its perimeter and corridor space.
- 6. Eliminate costly parapet walls; reduce weathering on exterior walls and windows by using a flat, built-up type of roof with adequate overhang.
- 7. Reduce costs and save time with modular construction and repetitive framing designs.
- 8. For small schools to be built on level sites, place concrete floor slabs over porous fill directly on the earth.
- 9. For large schools, consider this technique: on first-floor construction use a reinforced concrete flat slab built integrally with the foundation walls and footings. It speeds construction progress within a few weeks after construction begins by providing a dry, level working space for the building trades.

A common-sense approach to the selection of building materials can give your community a fine school building—and save the taxpayers money at the same time. The following basic rules are worth remembering:

1. The actual "wearing surface" of a school is its exposed finished materials—paints, trims, and fabrics. Pick these for taste, color, and low maintenance cost.

Terrazzo corridor floors are long lasting and easily kept up; so are ceramictile floors and wainscots for lavoratories. Although cheaper materials are available, the better finishes will prove more economical throughout a quarter-century of service.

- 2. Eliminate custom manufactured items; use stock shapes and sizes for fabricated items, such as doors.
- 3. Use standardized plumbing, lighting, hardware, and other fixtures.
- 4. Minimize the use of expensive automatic mechanical devices.

The planning, timing, and other administrative aspects of building a school can be arranged so as to give your community the most return for its dollars. In this connection, be sure to:

- 1. Consult your architect as to the most favorable bidding time in order to insure maximum competition.
- 2. Allow contractors sufficient time (usually not less than four weeks) to obtain dependable bids from subcontractors.
- 3. Acquire site with soil conditions and topography requiring minimum site preparation. The least expensive raw site rarely is the least expensive finished site.
- 4. Use "add-alternates," or standard building elements added to the drawings by the architect, to take advantage of a competitive bidding situation or the construction facilities of the contractor winning the bid. These sometimes provide favorable buys in school facilities.
- 5. For the contractor's protection, allow a reasonable amount of time for the contractor to complete the project to avoid "cushioning" of bids.

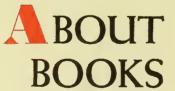
These cost-cutting methods are not, of course, all-inclusive, but they point out some of the ways by which well-planned school buildings can be erected at minimum cost.

What can you do to get good, economically sound schools?

Analyze the problem facing your school district as carefully as you would if you were about to take on your personal building job. Then take the long view. Find out what type of schools your district needs. Your school board members and educators are responsible for the development of such schools. Check results. In short, make your school officials accountable for what they want and do. But don't forget that schools are local problems — your problems always!

THE END

### **BRIEFLY**



Reading matter that may interest you.

What Makes a Scientist? by George H. Waltz, Jr. DOUBLEDAY & CO., \$2.95. The stories of 12 outstanding American scientists, their accomplishments, and how they got to be what they are. Of special interest to those who are thinking of science as a career. The author is a frequent contributor to this magazine.

New Developments in Army Weapons, Tactics, Organization and Equipment, by Mar-

Vin L. Worley, Jr. THE STACKPOLE CO., \$3.95. Describes significant changes in the U. S. Army.

The Complete Seven Katas of Judo, by M. Kawaishi, Sterling Publishing Co., \$3.95. An authentic guide to the manly art of judo.

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The Answer Book On Air Force Social Customs, by Ester Wier and Dorothy Coffin Hickey. The STACKPOLE CO., \$3.50. A book of etiquette for Air Force people who may have to observe social amenities.

When the Ship Sank, by James MacGregor. DOUBLEDAY & CO., \$3.95. A novel telling of a

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Forecasting the Price Level, Income Distribution, and Economic Growth, by Sidney Weintraub, CHILTON CO., \$5. "An exact method of combating inflation."

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Khrushchev's "secret speech" confessing hideous crimes by the Stalin regime, then again after the blood bath in Hungary.

Communist false-front organizations and transmission belts, once counted by the score and claiming total memberships running into millions, have dwindled to a handful of perennials like the National Council for Soviet-American Friendship, the Lawyers Guild, the Committee for Protection of the Foreign-Born, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committees, etc.

One would expect, under these circumstances, to find the party steeped in gloom and defeatism. Instead, its press and spokesmen exude self-confidence; its subversive activities are electric with new vitality; its announced plans for invading various sectors of American society are strikingly ambitious.

An FBI report, as quoted recently by Attorney General William P. Rogers, attests:

"A revitalization of the party's internal structure is now under way. Leaders completely loyal to the Kremlin are in control. The result is a renewed party activity aimed at strengthening the communist apparatus. At present, a recruiting campaign is in progress. New officers are being selected in the Communist Party units across the country. The youth organization is being vitalized, schools are being held to train party leaders and efforts are under way to increase over-all party work."

Mr. Hoover, in the April issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, spoke of "feverish activity and spirited optimism" in the party, with its "ringleaders now ready to get into full-scale action." The chairman of the now disbanded Commission on Government Security, Loyd Wright, testifying before the House Civil Service Committee, declared that the communist problem is "worse than it was two years ago," because the communists have been more and more aggressive.

How explain this seeming contradiction between a shrunken Communist Party and a renaissance of communist activity?

The fundamental answer is that in the power equation of a conspiracy numbers are relatively unimportant. What counts is the quality of the organization, its spirit of dedication, conditions favorable for its objectives.

An elite party under centralized discipline was Lenin's formula for the revolutionary seizure of power. It paid off in 1917 when his bolsheviks, then the smallest of the Left groups, hijacked the Russian Revolution. It is paying off today in places like Iraq, where hard-

core communists are a mere handful. Let us never forget that a few able comrades strategically placed—say in the entourage of a Castro in Cuba or a Betancourt in Venezuela or some honestly liberal American organization—can often swing more real power than a mass membership.

"The party is not interested in numbers, it is interested in quality," said Armando Penha, who served as an FBI undercover agent in the communist movement since 1950. In some ways, he explained, the purges and defections strengthened the party, which today "consists of a hard-core, well-organized, efficient group."

Besides, membership estimates in the nature of the case do not consider the illegal, covert sections. Beginning in 1948, when Federal exposés and prosecutions of its activities gained momentum, the party began to "go underground." Thousands ostensibly dropped

their membership and were redeployed in secret cells of three to five persons. That underground apparatus remains and it more than compensates for limited numbers above ground.

The fallacy of judging the movement by its membership rolls is pointed up by the scope of the communist and cryptocommunist press in this country. More than 30 such newspapers and magazines have been listed in congressional reports. Obviously 10,000 dues-payers would not need and could not support a press of these dimensions.

The appraisal of any Communist Party, moreover, is misleading unless related to the power and prestige of its headquarters and real homeland, Soviet Russia. Every local party is merely a branch office of a foreign firm, selling foreign goods. It shares the strengths and weaknesses of the Kremlin regime. The growth of the military power of the U.S.S.R., that country's new technologi-



cal prestige as dramatized by the sputniks, the worldwide fears touched off by Soviet threats in Central Europe and communist victories in the Middle East—these help explain the dynamism of American communism in the face of a sharp decline in size. The political prosperity of the home office is reflected in greater self-confidence in every branch office.

The Kremlin has successfully manipulated world opinion, so that we tend more than ever to exaggerate Soviet strengths while ignoring or slurring over weaknesses and vulnerabilities. The drumbeating about Soviet Russian industrial growth has been allowed to drown out the realities of general wretchedness, terror, and deep unrest throughout the red empire.

A combination of uncritical admiration and plain fear has thus given communism a left-handed sort of respectability in the non-Soviet world: the grudging respectability accorded to successful gangsters. It was evident, to cite a recent event, in the enthusiastic reception extended to one of the top killers in the Kremlin, Mikoyan, during his American visit. The kind of people, in business and other departments of American society, who would have refused to entertain associates of Hitler went all out to fraternize with the closest associate of Khrushchev.

Even some of the eminent Americans who rolled out red carpets for the butcher of Budapest by this time have red faces. They sense that they were hoaxed again. But the Mikoyan episode stands as a symptom of the general softening of national attitudes towards communism. A meeting of Chicago's leading lawyers giving Mikovan a standing ovation, students in California applauding the killer as he strides across their campus, press attacks on the picketing refugees who tried to remind Americans that the honored guest was one of the main organizers of the horrors and betrayals in Hungary-these are scenes and facts that raise doubts about our political sanity.

Despite the intensified communist drive for world dominion, American illusions about "peaceful coexistence" grow stronger. In the name of "flexibility" and "disengagement" we are exhorted to yield to Moscow's nuclear blackmail. A section of the National Council of Churches of Christ has come out for immediate recognition of Red China, without even mentioning its slaughter of millions of innocents and the special terrors against Christians in China.

Such examples of the softening process, precisely when the danger is greatest, could readily be multiplied. The sad truth is that a wave-of-the-future aura today surrounds the Kremlin creed and

goal. And the immediate beneficiaries are our domestic communists, whose open or indirect activities now net maximum results.

Supreme Court decisions have pulled the teeth from the anti-communist Smith Act. They have limited and in some respects paralyzed the courts in dealing with communist lawbreakers. The State Department has been compelled to issue passports — and no questions asked — to notorious communists and cryptocommunists going abroad on palpably anti-American errands. Under these condi-



tions, obviously, a single communist can do more damage than could a hundred a few years ago.

More significant, and more alarming, than the behavior of the Supreme Court is the indifference with which its decisions affecting internal security have been met by the public. Except for The American Legion and a strong resolution of dissent by the American Bar Association - the latter far from unanimous at that - the American people have remained remarkably calm about the immunities extended to Moscowmanipulated conspirators bent on the destruction of our way of life. Congress, reflecting this lethargy, has been slow in acting upon bills to cancel out the worst effects of the Court's decisions.

Favorable conditions for a red renaissance have thus been created, and the fanatic enemies of our civilization are taking full advantage of the new possibilities. American communists do not bother to conceal this. Here is how one of their spokesmen, William L. Patterson, sums up the great prospects in a recent issue of *The Worker*:

"McCarthyism has sustained a heartening defeat in our country. American reaction has in fact sustained a number of defeats on the political as well as the moral front. We say this because it must be clear that the prevailing political atmosphere permits increasing activities with lessening danger of victimization."

What he is saying is that a new climate of tolerance for communism, along with the virtual removal of legal restraints on subversion, today provides unprecedented opportunities for action. Known communists and fellow travelers are once more emerging on the nation's motion picture and television screens

and in respectable publications — and without risk of public protests. In the words of a recent editorial in *The American Legion Magazine*, "they are once again being lionized by people with a passion for red." It is almost as if the shocking exposures of the conspiracy by legislative committees, in books, and in myriad articles had never taken place.

Shielded by this suicidal lethargy, the communists are once more deploying their forces. The restraints of the preceding period, the underground period, are being cast aside. The chief targets of the new offensive, according to FBI information, "are labor groups and basic industries, including steel, shipping, automobiles and transportation, with particular emphasis on railroads." New "schools of subversion," thinly disguised party institutes for the ideological training of leaders and "activists," have been started in several cities. An ambitious blueprint for infiltrating college campuses and mobilizing youth generally is being energetically pushed.

The basic "tactic" now being applied by the conspirators is not new but reborn. It is essentially the United Front, so mischievously successful in the 1930's. Its techniques are geared to precisely the sort of public indifference which now prevails.

The directives from headquarters on which they rest were embodied in resolutions by a world conference of key communist leaders, Americans included, held in Moscow in November 1957. They prescribed activity aiming to "unite a majority of the people," to turn capitalist parliaments "into an instrument serving the working people," and beyond that, to "launch non-parliamentary mass struggles" in order to "create the necessary conditions for peaceful realization of the socialist revolution."

The tipoff word was "peaceful." That meant a renewed license from the Kremlin to soft-pedal "revolutionary" slogans and methods in favor of ostensibly moderate conduct. It authorized collaboration with, or work through, organizations that reject communist violence and illegality—primarily, that is, socialists who do not approve the Moscow "road to socialism."

The American branch office followed through with instructions to its members "to extend its political influence and mass ties." Among other things it specified the need to "help unfold the broadest coalition policy and movement" in the political arena. Members were instructed to join all Marxist groups, including those which attack the Soviets.

Said a special report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities released on April 3: "Communists are under orders to wear a new look. In other words, to a degree unmatched in party history, communists are now promoting themselves as loyal to the United States, peace-loving and humanitarian in purpose, and anxious to work in harmony with socialists, liberals, and even capitalists for the good of the nation."

It is against this background that one must appraise new groupings of "socialist" organizations and individuals in our country. Without doubt many of the participants are honestly opposed to Soviet communism; a few have even been publicly critical of some aspects of Kremlin conduct. Yet the new coalitions are filled with men and women with long procommunist records. The familiar pattern of ostensibly independent bodies manipulated to serve Moscow's policy needs is in evidence.

The first impressive product of the United Front tactic, about two years ago, was the American Forum for Socialist Education. Its key figure was the Rev. A. J. Muste, a veteran pacifist who has managed through the years to combine pacifism with fronting for highly unpacifist Kremlin causes. At least 20 of its founders were easily identified by their communist or communist-front pasts. The older, more moderate Socialist Party denounced the newcomer as a "medium by which the Communist Party is attempting to achieve a new status in the radical community."

The Muste combination apparently ran into difficulties. It has been so quiescent that it may be presumed to be dead or a living corpse. It was followed by the launching, in New York, of a Socialist Unity Forum featuring many of the names on the Muste list, Perhaps it was intended as the successor organization. (Rev. Muste, incidentally, was arrested in July when he and two others attempted to enter an Atlas missile construction site in Nebraska to stage a demonstration. In a Federal District Court the three - members of a group known as Omaha Action—pleaded guilty to charges of trespassing, and at this writing they were still in jail pending sentencing.)

Last year another coalition, overlapping the two forums in personnel, was brought into being: the United Socialist Party, which figured on the New York State ballot in the last elections as the Independent-Socialist Party. Again many of its founders may be given the benefit of the doubt; they probably are, as they claim, hostile to the Kremlin variant of their political faith.

But its biggest names—such as John T. McManus, Corliss Lamont, Rockwell Kent, W. B. Du Bois—belong, to put the fact mildly, to old warhorses in the pro-Soviet world. It has provided a convenient haven for some communists who broke with the Communist Party, or were expelled on technical grounds, but wish to continue to propagate the faith outside its ranks.

The United Socialist Party, received

some brickbats as well as orchids in the official communist press. How much of the criticism is genuine, how much of it camouflage, no outsider can decide. Suffice that the new organization, like a number of other activities under "socialist" labels, supports the Kremlin's main policy lines for America. It blames U. S. "warmongers" for the cold war, advocates unilateral cessation of nuclear testing, demands recognition of Red China and urges appeasement of Soviet Russia and its associates in every critical area on the map.

It is surely no accident that these "socialist" formations began to crystallize soon after the Communist Party set a "broad, mass party of socialism" as its new United Front goal. Well known party-liners in their rosters and among their pace setters are a guarantee, on the basis of past experience in such movements, that Moscow's influence is pervasive if not yet controlling.

"Broad-based" is also the guiding concept in the plans for a renewed offensive against youth, as plotted by the Party's National Executive Committee last March. One Hyman Lumer, commissar for education, took the lead.

He proposed a two-pronged strategy: On the one hand, the formation of an overt organization like the old Young Communist League; on the other cooperation—meaning infiltration and concealed control—with noncommunist bodies of radical tinge. It is interesting that Comrade Lumer, in discussing one of the new youth outfits, complained that it was "too Marxist and too leftist" and therefore would scare off young Americans. Clearly the muffled, scmantically innocent approach is prescribed for the present period.

Meanwhile, in the communist homeland, too, intensive preparations are under way to exploit the collapse of American vigilance. It has been revealed, for instance, that in the Soviet town of Vinnitsa, near the Rumanian border, there is an "American village" where more than a thousand Russians are in training for "work" in the United States. It is a facsimile of an American town, with corner drugstore, drive-in restaurant, American movies, jukeboxes; only American English, down to the latest slang, is spoken. It is a safe assumption that for every espionage apparatus weeded out in the United States, a dozen are flourishing and reinforcements are being perfected.

Prague, the capital of Red Czechoslovakia, has become a center second only to Moscow for preparing leadership for free-world Communist Parties. An academy of subversion there, under the beguiling name of Institute of Economic



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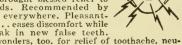


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The American generation of the 1930's could be forgiven for failing to see through the communist soft-sell or United Front tactic. The whole subject was still largely a closed book to the mass of our people. Those who tried to expose the conspiracy, as this writer knows from personal experience, were accused of exaggerating and were dismissed as "redbaiters."

There is no excuse for ignorance or apathy today, after nearly two decades of exposure by congressional committees and civilian specialists. The essential facts about communist methods and objectives have been spelled out in endless reports and books. Terms such as "false front," "transmission belt," "boring from within," etc. are no longer esoteric and mysterious.

The communist movement here, thrown off balance by de-Stalinization and the Hungarian shambles, has regained its poise and momentum. Protected by a soft Supreme Court and deep popular apathy, it is pushing the country to the edge of a red renaissance. Communist infiltration of American life and communist influence on American thought and policy are today more extensive than at any time since the notorious prewar Red Decade. The processes are less apparent - red techniques are subtler and better camouflaged than they were in the 1930's - but well suited for these times.

The only effective remedy is action by patriotic Americans, as individuals and organizations, to awaken the country to this danger. It is real and imminent. American communism, whatever its methods at a given time, is part and parcel of world communism. We cannot hope to meet its global challenge, from Berlin to Jakarta, from Formosa Strait to the Caribbean, without identifying and neutralizing the American sector.

THE END

### A SALUTE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

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in an even more perilous way than we had imagined.

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The Crevalle hurried up through Lombok Strait and past the island of Bali. The skipper was pushing her at top speed toward the Indochina coast, as though trying to get rid of a time bomb which might go off at any second.

When he had made his plans for the mineplant, he called his key men to the wardroom for a conference. "We'll get rid of the mines first. Then we'll start thinking about blowing up ships with torpedoes," the skipper announced as he commenced outlining his scheme for laying the mines.

Charts of the seaward approaches to the Saigon River were before us on the wardroom table as the skipper paused lengthily to allow us the opportunity to study them minutely.

"Here's where the admiral wants those mines put," he indicated. The big blue veins on his forehead protruded noticeably. "If we get chased out of this spot, we can lay them along the coast further north. But that's just an out the admiral has given us. He wants the mines placed in the middle of this river." And that proved to be his last mention of any alternate position for our mines.

When Commander Hank Munson peered at the charts, his thinning, silky blond hair and boyishly absorbed face made him look like an Oxford professor studying a rare insect collection. The hazards he noted were a more pleasing challenge to him than the calculus problems he worked daily for relaxation. His voice was excited and his thin, craggy face brightened as he pointed out that a Japanese fort commanded the right bank of the Saigon River at its mouth, that an island obstructed the river passage on the left side thus forcing ships to make

a sharp jog in the channel, that the water was between 30 and 60 feet deep, that fishing craft crowded the area where the river emptied into the sea, and that patrol boats wove a continual pattern of search near the entrance.

"If we get to a position up past this fort," the skipper said, "and lay the mines in an S-curve about 100 yards apart, the minesweepers will have a tough job sweeping across more than one mine on each leg of their straight-line sweeps. It will make their job almost endless before they pass over each mine a sufficient number of times to set it off."

That proved to be a good assumption. "And we'll make the final run-in during darkness so we can be upriver before the moon rises. The plant will be finished before there's enough light to distinguish the Crevalle from the many fishing boats we'll find close to the fort." The captain's plan sounded simple as he turned to the navigator, Lieutenant Commander Frank Walker, for verification of the times of sunset and moonrise.

"The sun sets at 1846 and the moon rises at 2234," Frank recited. "That will give us a little more than three hours of darkness. If we surface about 40 miles from the coast, and average 17 knots on the run-in, we'll get in undetected in the blackness. We'll only have to buck about two knots of current; so it should be easy."

How fatefully wrong was our navigator's prediction! He'd quoted the fact about two knots of current from the Coast Pilot Instructions. But it slowly dawned on all of us as the surfaced Crevalle raced shoreward on the night of the mineplant that a wily Japanese must have had a hand in those instructions.

The Crevalle had crept toward the coast submerged until after sunset, then she'd come up in time for the navigator to take star sights and calculate an exact position. He reported that we were only eight miles further from the coast then planned. But after two hours of fullpower running, a cautious single sweep of the radar alarmingly showed that the nearest land was still 18 miles ahead. Something was wrong.

After another half hour of pounding ahead on four engines, the radar showed that we'd made only seven miles. The current we were now bucking was faster than five knots per hour.

"We're licked," Frank Walker gloomily admitted when he reported his latest position to the skipper. "We can't make it now until well after moonrise. We'll look like a clay pigeon at a shooting gallery.'

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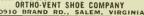
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The reload and firing teams were stripped to the waist, prepared for eight minutes of back-breaking, furious mulehauling of the heavy cylinders. Wedged between the tiers of tightly stowed mines, the men waited patiently. Only their cyes questioned the frequent lurches of the Crevalle, "Ten more minutes," the skipper announced over the loudspeaker system.

Up on the bridge there was a contrasting feverish confusion. As fishing boats loomed up ahead, the skipper shouted rudder commands down the hatch to the helmsman in the conning tower below. The Crevalle heeled over as she swung to clear the wooden craft. The navigator, taking rapid cuts on the hills, islands, and structures which stood out in silhouette, kept a steady plot of the sub's advancing position. "We're only making 12 knots good, captain," he growled.

The lookouts maintained a steady flow of reports.

"There's a light on the right-hand side of the fort, sir.'

"Captain!" This came excitedly. "I can make out a big dark shape that looks like a destroyer on the starboard beam."

"Two fishing boats, one point on the port bow, sir.'

"There's a small object in the water dcad ahead. Looks like a log-or some-

The skipper was unable to keep up with the many reports as he dashed from side to side, intensely studying each newly found object scanned through his binoculars.

"The moon is just beginning to rise, sir," Walker said resignedly.

The fort on the starboard side, now being passed abeam, showed the Crevalle to be well into the river's mouth and only a half mile from the initial planting position.

"The destroyer is blinking a light at us!" a lookout urgently reported. His voice was muted to a hissing whisper as though he was fearful of being heard over the several miles of water which separated the Crevalle from the patrolling warship.

Captain Munson studied the dark silhouette, then rejected the imminence of this threat. "Somebody doped off and opened a door by mistake," he muttered. He continued to sweep his glasses rapidly about, looking for the next possible menace.

"We're there, captain," Walker shouted up from the conning tower.

"You give the orders to the helm, Frank," the skipper ordered, "I'll only take over if necessary to avoid something up here." This was in accordance with the prearranged plan. The navigator would steer the Crevalle along the intended S-curve and would control the speed, depending upon how well we could make our 20-second mine-firing schedule.

When the skipper ordered "Commence firing," the first mine in tube No. 7 was ready to go. One of the mines from this tube hung suspended on a chainfall from the overhead out in the room. The second was loaded against the stopbolt and the tube door was closed, ready for the jolt of high-pressure air which would push it clear. Our brief look at this mine, which had lain deep in the tube during the trip, showed its metal to be damp but intact. When it left the tube with a sharp jolt, I breathed a sigh of relief-the plant had begun, according to plan.

On the bridge, however, the situation was deteriorating. The destroyer's outlinc loomed larger, and blinking lights on the shoreline indicated that our submarine had been discovered. Still the Crevalle kept weaving her S-curve as the mines were ejected at regular intervals.

Seven mines had drifted into place when the skipper's voice was heard over the speaker. "Try to speed things up, after room," it pleaded in rapid, highpitched tone. "It's getting hot up here."

I wondered at his use of the word "hot" as I watched the sweat pour down the backs of my reload crew as they dragged the mines from tube No. 9. The minc deep in the tube had been pulled halfway clear of the tube when the chief torpedoman shouted over to me, "Look at this thing!"

Time was precious; so I looked fast. But I had to take another look, and even then I couldn't figure it out. The round silver plate on the top of the mine which protected the exploder mechanism was only a depression containing a soggy, gray mass of mushy metal. Even the tripping latch had become part of the shapeless, puddinglike stuff.

"Acid musta got in there and ate the stuff away," the chicf said, bewildered.

All of the parts for arming and firing the mine were either decomposed or damaged. Thus the safety features were gone.

I yelled up to the captain over the speaker system: "The mine in tube nine is badly damaged. I don't think we ought to fire it, sir. She's either ready to explode or she's a complete dud.'

"Fire the rest of the mines," the skipper shouted back. "We can't stop now. We're being chased by a patrol boat, and I'm not sticking around here much longer.

"Don't try to fire that thing," the chief muttered.

I looked wildly around the room to see how we could shift the mines in some other fashion, so that it wouldn't be necessary to fire the bad mine.

"Do you have a mine ready to fire?" the conning tower querried.

Seconds were ticking away.

"You'll have to stop for about a minute, captain," I pleaded, "while we shift the mines around,"

"We can't stop. In fact we're speeding up right now. Get rid of that damaged mine." the skipper ordered.

"Load!"

The mine was just as dangerous inside the boat as outside it. The skipper must have realized that instantaneously.

The men hauled away on the falls which pushed the mine home into the

"Give her 600 pounds of pressure so she'll be thrown well clear before she lets go," I ordered.

When Crowley, the torpedoman at the air manifold, signaled that the extra pressure was ready, I reported "Ready nine," and clamped a tight hold on an empty mine skid above my left shoulder.

For an instant the men around me were braced and tense. Then the Crevalle bucked sharply under the recoil. from the additional air as it hit the back of the mine. I waited two seconds then yelled, "Reload," The mine was a dud!

With a newly found energy gained from this reprieve from death, the men shifted and pulled the mines about with a frenzy which increased the speed of firing to a tempo well under 20 seconds.

Sixteen mines were gone when the diving alarm sounded. "Secure the mines until we're leveled off," came the order over the speaker.

"We're gonna finish the plant submerged," Crowley noted with awe.

Things must be really tough topside to go diving in such shallow water, I decided. But the submerging of the Crevalle had eliminated what was developing into a critical situation. With the fort alerted and the destroyer closing fast. only by easing down to periscope depth could the skipper prevent destruction by gunfire.

The last four mines were ejected on estimated time. And the destroyer, having lost sight of her target, floundered around in the midst of the fishing vessels, trying to distinguish the sub's sound echoes from the myriad of contacts about her. With only a foot of scope showing above the surface, the skipper safely watched the destroyer charge past. headed for the spot where the Crevalle went under. It was no contest.

Meanwhile the river current swept the Crevalle rapidly out to sea as the skipper lowered the scope each time a wooden hull crossed the path of his periscope and then re-raised it to keep a close check for any enemy patrols. Escape was made on a beeline for the deep waters of the South China Sea, and progress was so rapid that we were clear of the Indochina coast long before any organized search could be prosecuted.

The mines had been neatly planted. Nineteen sat there, counting the magnetic passes overhead - waiting to blow up under three enemy ships. The twentieth lay inert, by the grace of God! THE END



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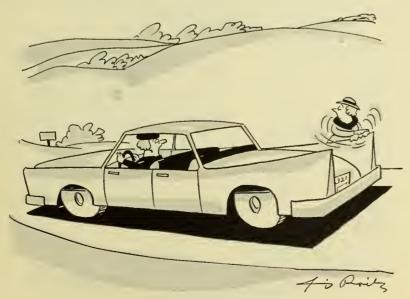




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### AMERICA'S MOST FLOURISHING FRAUD

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your doctor and then follow his advice.

These two diseases have also been subjected to treatment at various "clinics" which practice "cures" unrecognized by modern medical science.

Another major field of modern research is heart disease. As with cancer, arthritis, and rheumatism, full control and conquest of the disease lies in the future. And, as with the other diseases, its position on the borderland of our present knowledge offers opportunities for quackery and dubious remedies. If we can believe their claims, there are a lot of unlicensed "doctors" and dispensers of nostrums who know a lot more about heart disease than the established medical profession does.

For example, a widely sold preparation called "Coronaid" is alleged to help prevent heart attacks by helping to prevent the formation of cholesterol in the arteries. The contents of this product have been reviewed by the Council on Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association. The council states that there is little evidence that small amounts of this preparation added to the ordinary diet will result in lowering of the cholesterol level; and further, that there is absolutely no evidence that it will affect atherosclerosis or coronary conditions. The Post Office Department issued fraud complaints against various stores, charging them with using the mails to defraud in connection with this product. A number of stores signed affidavits of discontinuance. A case against the U.S. Health Club, in Bergenfield, N.J., was dismissed without prejudice to further proceedings if the Post Office wishes to initiate them.

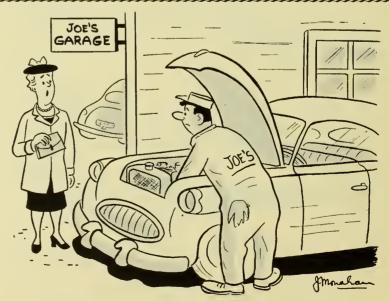
In another recent case the Post Office issued a fraud order against Nu-Health Laboratories, of Lynbrook, N.Y. This firm, which distributed "Immun Capsules" for the prevention of heart disease, had agreed in 1957 to discontinue sales through the mail, but was found to have violated its agreement.

Polio, rheumatic fever, and mental retardation are among the other major health disorders for which nostrums and dubious "cures" are being offered to the public. In the case of polio, shockingly unethical practices have been reported among a small group of salesmen for water softeners. The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Better Business Bureau recently reported that salesmen for such products have been telling housewives that unless the family installs a water-softening system, the household's chances of contracting polio will be greatly increased. The public health director of Grand Rapids immediately issued this statement to the residents of the city:

"It has been definitely proven that poliomyelitis is caused by specific viruses. There is no known relationship between mineral content of water (hardness or softness) and polio."

Another whole field of medical quackery centers on a kind of pseudoscience and hodgepodge of false claims arising out of modern discoveries in nutrition. Such phonies include worthless obesity remedies and excessive or false claims for vitamins, minerals, and food supplements. A closely allied field of quackery centers on "hormones" and the general field of human growth and aging.

The kind of nonsense-science that is the stock in trade of certain vitamin



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phonies is also used in other fields that have attracted a lot of public interest. For example, medical research is now opening new horizons in our understanding of the aging process. The study of aging - called geriatrics - holds great promise for the future, and has produced some substantial discoveries already. But the hawkers of dubious remedies can't wait for science-they have all kinds of miracle treatments and preparations on the market. Various "hormone" preparations have been falsely offered for the "restoration of youth." "Facelifting" treatments are offered to the unwary. Sexual vigor and rejuvenation have been promised by certain promoters, some of whom have been put out of business by action of the Post Office Department.

"Royal Oueen Bee Jelly" has been extensively offered for rejuvenation of aging tissues, and tremendous advertising budgets have been allocated to promote this worthless product. "Royal jelly" is the food eaten by queen bees. Nobody denies that it keeps queen bees in great shape. But it doesn't do a thing for humans. Advertising has made sweeping claims about its effectiveness in problems of beauty, youthfulness, and vitality; but none of the claims has any support from the medical profession.

Another national health problem that has been a hunting ground for quacks is obesity. Make no mistake about it, obesity is a health problem, and an important one. Overweight conditions are never good, and can often be dangerous.

The facts about obesity are, in most cases, as simple as ABC. The reason for the overweight condition is usually that a person has taken in more calorics than his body can burn in its normal activities. The excess calories show up as fat. If an individual wants to take the fat off, he has to reduce his intake of calories. He has to cut down on his eating.

Now, few of us really like to face the music on this problem; nobody likes to diet. And the gyps have turned this into a \$100 million racket. All kinds of products have been offered to the public, and the big advertising splashes have included claims such as:

"Float the Fat Right Out Of Your Body!'

"Reduce Without Dieting!"

"Eat All You Want and Reduce!"

"No-Diet Wonder Drug!"

In some cases gyp firms have offered products alleged to "control your appetite," but in fact these products would not be available without a prescription if they really contained enough of the right kind of drugs to have a real effect on your appetite. In many cases the advertiser tries to create the impression that it is the *product* that helps you to reduce, whereas the little folder in the box reveals that you have to take the product and diet too! Take it from the American Medical Association and other sources: if you diet under proper supervision, you won't need quack products to reduce.

Actually, more Americans ought to take their overweight problems more seriously; and they should stop assuming that any fat person can diagnose his problem and prescribe for it himself. Obesity can, in some instances, be a



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symptom of some other kind of disorder that could be seriously aggravated by the wrong kind of dieting. Two pointers will guide you correctly:

1. There is no royal road or easy way to lose weight.

2. If you are overweight, you should see your physician and follow the diet he prescribes.

Among other current dubious activities in the medical field, you should be on your guard against the following.

Itinerant health lecturers. Some of these persons have very dubious reputations, and charge high prices for worthless remedies.

Glasses by mail. You simply can't be certain that you are getting the proper glasses if you order them by mail. Don't take risks with your eyes; see a qualified eye doctor or specialist.

"Breast developers." It would be nice to be able to tell the ladies that the numerous products being offered under this heading are useful and effective; but the sad truth is that they simply have no value.

Baldness cures. Reputable medical sources continue to state that in cases of ordinary baldness not caused by a specific disease, there is simply nothing you can do except grin and bear it.

Cold remedies. Nobody yet knows how to cure a cold. The symptoms and discomfort can be temporarily relieved by various standard products, but these are in no sense cures. Don't buy any product that claims that it can cure colds,

Depilatories. Some products are falsely advertised for the permanent removal of hair through self-treatment with the advertiser's product. These products effect, at best, temporary removal; and

some of them are irritants that can give rise to infection.

Smoking cures. Many questionable products are offered in this line; the Post Office Department has acted against some of them. Your best smoking cure is your own willpower.

Alcoholism. Advertised "cures" for this serious disease are worthless. Recovery requires comprehensive effort and sustained assistance through groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and through medical and psychiatric care.

Wrinkle removers. Various creams and lotions may help in smoothing out facial lines caused solely by skin dryness, or may temporarily soften or postpone the appearance of lines or wrinkles. But that's the most one can hope for. No preparation is known that will prevent, correct, or remove wrinkles.

Vitamins in cosmetics. No cream, lotion, soap, or any other cosmetic preparation may be truthfully advertised to have a beneficial effect on skin, hair, or scalp by virtue of its vitamin content. This contradicts a lot of advertising claims, but nevertheless is the clear verdict of unbiased medical opinion.

At this point you may be wondering if the public receives any really effective protection against the jungle growth of medical quackery that is currently thriving in America. The answer is yes; the public receives an enormous amount of protection. It would be difficult to praise too highly the efforts of such Government agencies as the Federal Trade Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Post Office Department. These organizations save the public many millions of dollars each year, and undoubtedly save many lives, by

their vigorous campaigns against medical gyps and phonies. Their efforts are supplemented by the excellent programs of the American Medical Association and the National Better Business Bureau, both of which have recently launched special campaigns to check the spread of fakery.

However, the most important reason that quackery thrives in spite of all efforts has been lack of knowledge on the part of the public. People have simply been taken in. The average American family is the agency that really has the power to lick the gyps, and it is in the family that the battle is ultimately lost or won.

You can protect yourself and your family, and play your role in eliminating the disgrace of medical quackery from the American scene. To do so, remember the major fields of abuse cited in this article, and observe the following simple pointers:

1. Don't be your own doctor. Don't ignore symptoms, and don't try to diagnose your own ills.

2. When you have a problem, take it to a real doctor. Quacks can do nothing for you, and they may do you great harm.

3. Don't assume that something is "all right" just because it is featured in a big, expensive advertisement. Judge each product and advertising claim on its merits, not on its size.

4. Remember that it isn't the custom of the medical profession or of ethical drug firms to deal in superlatives. Caution is likelier to be the hallmark of what they say. Be wary of sweeping claims for "miracle" preparations and "sensational new discoveries."

5. Be especially wary of firms or individuals who, as part of their effort to sell you their product or treatment. "knock" or deprecate modern medical science or the findings of the established medical profession.

6. Avoid self-medication for mysteriously recurring symptoms. Find out what's really wrong.

7. If in doubt about a specific promotion, product, "clinic," or personality, check with your doctor or with your Better Business Bureau or chamber of commerce.

8. Remember that normally healthy persons don't need any medication at all. The Greek physician Hippocrates used to suggest rest, sunshine, and good food for maintaining good health, and noted that animals avoided "medicines" unless they were actually in poor condition. It would be hard to improve on his wisdom.

Health quackery thrives because it means big money to some very cynical people. When they stop making money, the problem will be solved. Do your part!



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### WHY SHOULD ARCHERS RATE SPECIAL HUNTING PRIVILEGES?

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do not see where he is entitled to preference over another type of hunter who must also stalk his game to close range and shoot only when he can be certain of a killing hit. I refer to the man who likes to hunt with a sixgun.

Of course there are all sorts of inconsistencies in the law when it comes to hunting. Many States permit only a shotgun to be used with buck or ball for deer killing. When it is used with buckshot, the shotgun has an even shorter effective range than the bow. And when used with slugs, it has about the same effective range as the bow. Buckshot is very uncertain in most shotguns in ranges of more than 35 yards. Slugs are uncertain at ranges of 80 vards or more. But the powerful heavy sixgun hat has an even longer killing range than either the shotgun or bow is prohibited in many States that allow these weapons.

In States that permit both shotguns and bows to be used, and where rifles and sixguns are excluded, the hunter would be better off with a good pump or autoloading shotgun. If he sights the gun carefully, he will have a far better weapon for his deer killing than the long bow. Any shotgun is effective with slugs at distances of 60 yards; and Remington has increased that range considerably with its new 26-inch, 12-gauge barrels specially bored for rifled slugs. These barrels have adjustable sights: and Remington has adapted its Sportsman-58. its Model 11-48, and its Model 870 Wingmaster to accommodate them.

With a shotgun, a hunter can shoot under overhanging limbs or through brush and also have rapid repeat shots at his instant disposal, should he only wound the animal with the first shot. For the hunter who must use a shotgun and who hunts in very dense bush — as in some sections of the South, where 40 yards is as far as he ever gets a shot — then buckshot will do. But remember, in most shotguns it is very uncertain at ranges of over 35 yards.

I firmly believe that any State permitting bows and shotguns only on their bear and deer should also permit sixgun hunting at the same time and in the same areas, providing adequate loads are used. The sixgun hunter must be just as much of a sportsman as the archer, and must stalk his game to the same close range to be certain of placing his bullet. But on the other hand, he has a far deadlier weapon than the bow, one with greater range and, last but not least, plenty of shocking power to put the game down.

My friend the late Doug Wesson killed elk, moose, deer, antelope, and grizzly bear with the .357 Smith & Wesson Magnum revolver that I helped him de-

velop. I really wanted a .44 Magnum. but I worked with him on the development. The .357 S & W Magnum, incidentally, is the smallest sixgun cartridge that should be allowed on deer and black bear. A heavy, handloaded .44 Special. .38-40, .44-40, or .45 Colt is much better; and the .44 Special heavy handload that I developed many years ago is the best of all the old loads in the .44- and .45-caliber arms for game shooting.

I worked for 30 years trying to get the manufacturers interested in producing a heavy, powerful .44 caliber handgun load and a gun to handle such a load. In 1953 I spent considerable time with C. G. Peterson of Remington Arms Co., then visited the Smith & Wesson plant for a week and had a long conference with Mr. Carl Hellstrom, the president of Smith & Wesson. As a result, Smith & Wesson invited the Remington people up to their plant, and together they produced the best game gun and cartridge vet devised in the handgun field. Smith & Wesson brought out its fine .44 Magnum, and Remington produced the fine loads for it. Since then the loads have been greatly improved until today the factory Remington and Peters loads are quoted at 1.650-feet-per-second velocity with a modification of my bullet in 240grain weight. When properly placed, this cartridge has proved adequate for our big game at close range.

Irvin Malnarich, who runs the Selway Lodge out of Orofino, Idaho, told me that seven elk and three mule deer were killed from his camp last fall with Smith & Wesson Magnums and Ruger Black Hawk revolvers, and that there were no cripples lost and no trouble. Most of our guides in this section have gone over to the .44 Magnum as their sole weapon while guiding, and find it adequate for following up and finishing off elk, deer, and bear wounded by their hunters.

In many densely timbered sections of this region and Alaska. the heavy .44 Magnum sixgun is a far more lethal and more easily handled weapon for deer. black bear, and even elk shooting, than the bow and arrow. And often it is much handier than either rifle or shotgun in the brush. The hunter can carry it in a shoulder holster under his jacket or shirt where it is out of the way, and he has both hands free to part brush or to aid in climbing steep mountains. At the usual short ranges of such dense timbered country, 20 to 60 yards, the heavy .44caliber slug is ample if placed in the chest cavity of the game.

New Mexico has shown the way by legalizing the use of sixguns on big game so long as they are of adequate killing power. It is high time other States followed suit and legalized the use of a

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heavy sixgun as well as the bow and arrow for the big-game harvest.

Having killed more than 25 head of big game with a sixgun during my life, not to mention the finishing off of a great many more cripples wounded by hunters during 30 years of outfitting and big game guiding, I know well what can be done by any good pistol shot with an adequate weapon.

Many veterans of both World Wars and the Korean War are handicapped through the loss of a hand or arm, and many of these men still like to hunt. Obviously they cannot handle a bow and arrow, but they can handle a revolver very nicely. These men should certainly have equal hunting rights with any and all archers. Some of them use light, short rifles and depend on getting a rest for their shot. But they would be better off if they were permitted to use the heavy handgun in all States.

The handgun hunter must stalk his game to close range like the archer, but he has a far longer killing range and he also can penetrate brush and shoot under overhanging boughs that would be impossible shots for the bow. From the standpoint of military training for our youth, archery teaches but one thing: stalking. On the other hand, any young

man who becomes a proficient sixgun shot can always do good rifle shooting. Trained revolver shots become the most effective of all soldiers in close combat and mopping-up operations. It is time that our State game commissions recognize this fact and legalize the use of adequate sixguns for game shooting, thus enabling our youth to become proficient in their use.

By writing your State legislators, you can bring pressure to bear on game commissions to grant the same rights to the person armed with rifle, shotgun, or sixgun, that are now accorded the archer.



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more doctors? This is more important to our country than roads, foreign aid, or anything else. We could have clinics for everyone. It would not cost a fortune to go through one. A good many diseases would be nipped in the bud, and everyone would go, not just a few.

Grace Gordon Columbus, Ohio

### KIDS' POST

Sir: I'm writing this so that you will know what a fine Post you have here in Fremont. It should be known as the Fremont Kids' Post. It is a godsend to the children of this area. Ten years ago some members noticed that the softwood floor at the Village Hall didn't make an ideal basketball court. So on their own initiative they bought hardwood flooring and laid it themselves. Now six months out of the year, every night in the week, you can see future basketball stars playing in the hall. A few years back the Village built a nice park. The Auxiliary Unit decided that this park needed playground equipment, so the members purchased swings and a slide. Then the Legionnaires bought cement and installed them and also made fireplaces. Thus another fine place for our kids. A Scout troop was started here but was a little short of funds. Once again the Big Brother Legionnaires came through for the Scouts, and they still help them. Only this year the Little Leaguers needed some funds. A hint to the Legion Post and our future major leaguers had what they wanted. One of their finest and greatest shows of good sportsmanship and openmindedness where children are concerned took place this year. The Lion's Club decided to send the Union High School Band to New York for the Lion's International Convention. The local Post went all out in giving them a hand in seeing that the band went to New York. They worked hard and donated every red cent of the Wolf River Ice Out contest to the band. A neat sum of approximately \$1000. These hard-boiled veterans like Prill, Bergner, Marks, the Abraham boys, the Redemanns, Michels, Potratz, Kemper, and all the rest - became putty in the hands of our kids who worship them. I am, myself, heavily in debt to them. Whenever there is any work to do-moving beach equipment, or almost any Village project where manual help is needed - I turn to them. I thought maybe you could publish this so that the other Legion Posts would know what a great Post we have here. Also it is one way that the children and I can give our thanks to our Legionnaires.

Frank K. Smith Village President Fremont, Wis.

### SAME OLD INSINUATIONS

Sir: "Author" Rovere, who wrote the usual stuff the "liberals" are known for when it comes to Senator McCarthy, has put it in a book. This book has an innocent sounding name, i.e., Sen. Joseph McCarthy but it contains the same old insinuations that appeared in his article in the sex magazine Esquire. Don't be fooled by the cover.

Edward Clarke New York City

Book reviewers who lauded the book in question failed to mention the significant fact that Richard Rovere was associate editor of the communist magazine *New Masses* at the time of the Hitler-Stalin pact.

The Editors

### CORRECTION

Sir: I feel that I must take time to correct a gross misstatement which appeared in the "Sound Off!" section of your July issue, in a letter under the heading of "The Facts," written by J. Ellis Bowen, West Newton, Mass. When a false statement is circulated which casts aspersions at my Church, it is my duty to correct it. The Council

for Christian Social Action of the merged Evangelical and Reformed and the Congregational Christian Churches (to be known henceforth as The United Church of Christ) is not, nor has it ever been in favor of granting diplomatic recognition to the Red Chinese cutthroats, nor does it favor welcoming them into membership in the United Nations. It did agree in part to the resolution adopted by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., but only insofar as that resolution proposed further discussion which might lead ultimately to their recognition. In other words, it has been and is the consensus of opinion among members of the Council, and throughout the Church itself, that the door to further negotiation should be kept open, and that we should pray that God may eventually cause the light of reason to dawn in their badly muddled minds.

George E. Sowter Hagerstown, Md.

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B. E. Brewer, Col. USA (Ret.)
Lexington, Ky.

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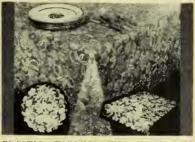
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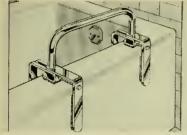
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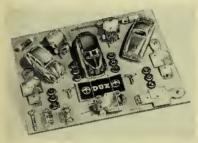
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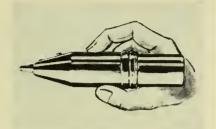
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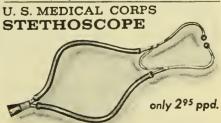




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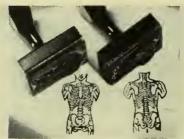
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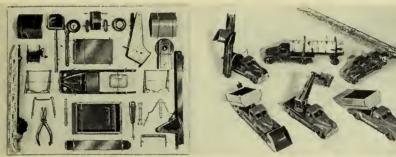
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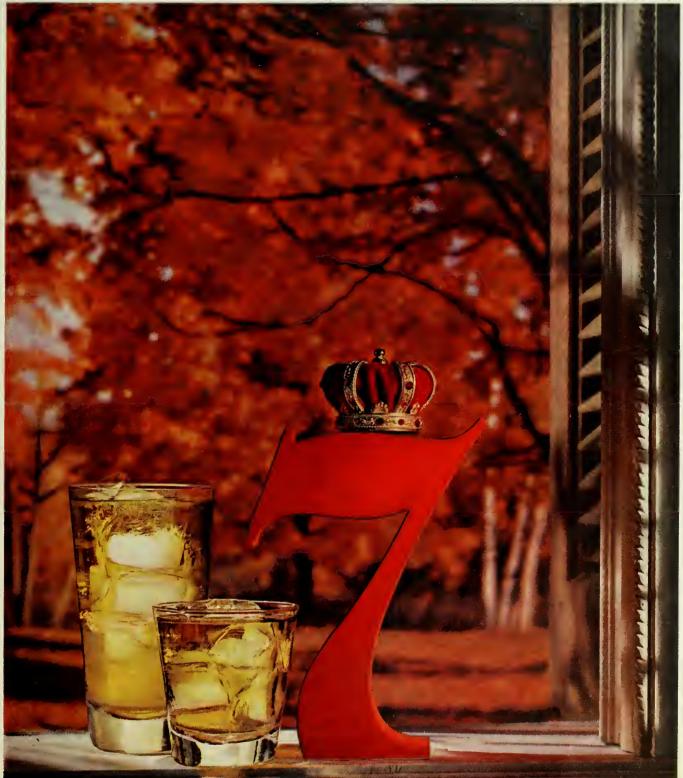
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